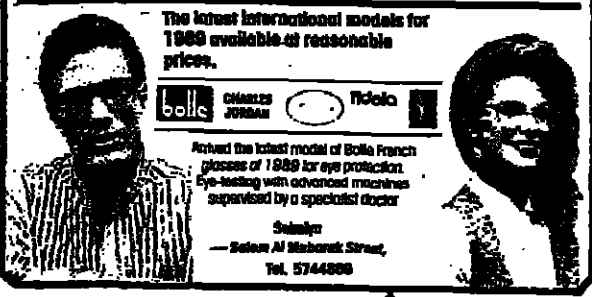


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Lebanese must help themselves: Sheikh Sabah

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (Reuters): The head of an Arab League committee attempting to solve the Lebanon's constitutional crisis said today its success or failure depended on the Lebanese themselves.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, who arrived in Beirut from Kuwait today, said before his departure there could be no solution without the co-operation of all Lebanese factions. The committee is due to meet Lebanese leaders in Tunis on Monday.

"The situation in Lebanon is complicated and it depends first, second and third on the Lebanese themselves and on the extent to which they respond to the efforts of their brothers in the Arab

world," he told the Kuwait News Agency.

Lebanon has been without a president since September. Two governments, one Christian-led and the other dominated by Muslims, compete for power.

Doubts

The committee has invited the acting Prime Minister of the Muslim-led government Selim Hoss, his Christian rival, Michel Aoun, and the Speaker of Parliament, Hussein Al Husseini, to the Tunis talks.

Aoun, the Christian leader, has expressed doubts whether the committee can succeed without directly involving the main power broker in Lebanon, Syria.

"The committee's ability to succeed depends on elements

outside its will. The effective elements in success or failure are the Syrian force which is absent," Aoun told a Kuwaiti daily in remarks published today.

He said the committee should have invited Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara to join it.

Aoun said the presence of foreign troops in Lebanon was the main factor blocking new presidential elections. "There is no sense in presidential elections in the shadow of occupations," he said.

The committee is composed of the foreign ministers of Kuwait, Jordan, Sudan, Algeria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates. "We have assurances from the Lebanese parties that they would be here in due time to attend the meetings," Sheikh Sabah said in Tunis.



Sheikh Sabah

He said: "No one other than Israel, is seeking to split Lebanon into sectarian mini-states."

Sheikh Sabah said the committee "does not have magic solutions to the Lebanese crisis."

Initiative

"The United States applauds this action by the Arab League and shares its concern about the political impasse in Lebanon. We strongly support the Arab League in helping Lebanon move speedily toward the election of a consensus president," US State Department spokesman Charles Redman said.

"We believe this initiative by the Arab League represents a major opportunity to begin restoring the unity of Lebanon's central government."

Amir's message for Khaddafi

TRIPOLI, Jan 28, (KUNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait has sent a message to Libyan leader Col Muammar Khaddafi saying that any aggression on an Arab country is considered a threat to the Arab nation as a whole and should be confronted unitedly, the official Libyan news agency JANA reported today.

The agency said the Amir's message was in response to a cable Khaddafi sent earlier expressing thanks for Kuwait's stand on US threats against Libya.

The US has accused Libya of building a chemical weapons factory and threatened to destroy the plant.

Kuwait has deplored the American threat.

Government employees to get housing allowance

GOVERNMENT employees, whether Kuwaitis or expatriates, will no longer be provided with residential accommodation. Instead, starting from May, the employees will receive housing allowance, a Kuwaiti daily has reported.

The decision, taken by the Civil Service Council, will enable the government to save millions of dinars now being paid to landlords as rent for unallocated buildings and spent for furniture and maintenance.

An ad-hoc committee, consisting of members of the council and Ministry of Finance, will be formed to prepare a list of employees having government residence.

The committee will take measures to cancel the contracts of hundreds of buildings rented by the government.

Women are objects of pleasure in the West

NICOSIA, Jan 28, (AP): Iranian President Ali Khamenei deplored the plight of women in Western society today and said their real rights are safeguarded only by Islam, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said.

The agency, quoted him as saying that women in the West have been reduced to "mere objects of pleasure."

The Iranian President was speaking at the opening of a seminar on women held to mark the anniversary of the birth of Fatima, daughter of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

Khamenei criticised the Western "culture of permissiveness and nudity which gives man a free rein to exploit and insult woman's personality," IRNA said.

Car bomb

BEIRUT, Jan 28, (AP): A car bomb exploded today in Syrian-policed East Lebanon.

A police spokesman said six people, including a Syrian soldier, were wounded when a French-designed yellow Renault car blew up in the Bekaa town of Barr Elias.

Settling Palestinian issue

Serious move to be made after two months: Hussein

By Mustafa Abu Libdeh

AQABA, Jordan, Jan 28: A serious move to settle the Palestinian issue will commence after two months, according to King Hussein of Jordan.

In an interview with the Arab Times, the monarch said: "We have to wait for two more months for the new US administration to settle down and determine its policy. The programmed moves will then begin."

Desired

The Israeli position is the only obstacle towards achieving peace in the Middle East, King Hussein said. However, he added, in Israel, positive changes towards peace have also been taking place. A recent poll showed, 54 per cent of the Israelis favoured conducting serious negotiations for achieving peace, the King said.

Hussein supported the move to establish an economic bloc consisting of four Arab countries — Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and North Yemen — but he declined to comment on the progress made so far towards achieving that goal.

Arafat urges Bush to open a new page

MADRID, Jan 28, (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat has called on President Bush to "open a new page" in America's Middle East policy by taking a more balanced stand in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Arafat said the PLO has formally sent a message to the new administration after Bush took office last week.

"Yes, we have done it through other channels," he said, but he declined to elaborate.

The 60-year-old PLO leader made his comments at a news conference at the end of his first official encounter with the 12-nation European Economic Community.

Important

Arafat met for two hours with the three foreign ministers of Spain, France and Greece, who form the EEC's peace commission, yesterday morning.

The talks were viewed as an important step in the PLO's efforts to gain international recognition as the legitimate negotiating partner in peace talks on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

No peace so long Arafat is alive, says Sharon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 28, (Reuters): Hawkish Israeli Trade Minister Ariel Sharon said today there would be no peace in the Middle East as long as PLO leader Yasser Arafat was alive.

Sharon, a former defence minister who masterminded Israel's costly 1982 invasion of Lebanon, criticised Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for failing to crush

He said there is a "true desire" for establishing an integrated system among the four countries. "What is desired of the new group is to open the door to other Arab countries to join... especially those Arab countries who had not joined either the GCC or the Arab Maghreb" the monarch said.

He hoped that the efforts exerted by the Arab Committee headed by the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed to solve the Lebanese crisis will be successful. But, he affirmed that an Arab summit is necessary to see through a comprehensive settlement of the Lebanese crisis. He added: "Nothing new has come up regarding the date of holding the summit."

Hussein also said that Jordan had overcome the economic and financial crisis it was facing. "We have overcome the economic crisis and it is behind us now. The process of correcting the path of the Jordanian economy that started in the summer of last year, has succeeded and achieved its desired results," he said.

Arafat urges Bush to open a new page

"I take this opportunity to call on the new administration of Mr Bush to open a new page in its Middle East policy," Arafat said, speaking in Arabic through a Spanish interpreter.

"I make this appeal to the new American administration, particularly keeping in mind that the previous policy of President Reagan was one-sided and put all its weight behind Israel," he said.

Arafat also told reporters that Europe had "a fundamental role" to play in a peace settlement because of "its political, historical and moral ties," with the Middle East and its geographic proximity.

In Washington, Bush said yesterday that the United States was only beginning its relations with the PLO and that it was too soon to say when a top member of his administration would meet with Arafat.

He said the US would continue to have a dialogue with the organisation "as long as they stay hooked and stay committed" to principles aimed at negotiating peace with Israel.

No peace so long Arafat is alive, says Sharon

the Palestinian uprising and suggested Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin resign.

"We have to remember that as long as Arafat is alive, there will never be peace. No Arab leader will be ready to sit with us out of fear for his life and no Palestinian factor will be ready to talk because of the fact that as long as Arafat is alive his fate is determined," Sharon said.



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IDA wins two seats in Lahore by-elections

ISLAMABAD, Jan 28, (Agencies): Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party lost an important seat in the Punjab capital of Lahore to the rival Islamic Democratic Alliance in today's by-elections.

The IDA also successfully defended the National Assembly seat given up by Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif, while the PPP won two Punjab Provincial Assembly seats in Lahore. In Karachi, Mohajir Qaumi Movement candidate Rafiq Easani easily won the seat vacated by the Karachi Mayor Dr Farooq Sattar.

Elections were held in 20 constituencies for 13 National Assembly and seven provincial assembly seats.

The results from the remaining seats are still being tallied.

The Election Commission said today that one of the vacant seats in the National Assembly had been won by a PPP member who ran unopposed.

The voting was taking place in constituencies where candidates in last November's general elections won more than one seat, or the vote was postponed because a candidate died.

The outcome of the election cannot dent Benazir's position as head of the federal government because she commands a sizeable

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Zahed Matar



Reagan to charge \$50,000 for each speech

LOS ANGELES, Jan 28, (UPI): Ronald Reagan will charge \$50,000 for each speech he delivers as a private citizen, making him the highest-paid speaker in the country, it was reported today.

Sources familiar with proposed booking arrangements on what the former president has called "the mashed-potato circuit" told the Los Angeles Times that Nancy Reagan will charge \$30,000 per speech.

No one, with the exception of some Hollywood entertainers, can command such high fees. Two of the highest-paid speakers, Paul Harvey and Walter Cronkite, charge about \$25,000 each. Bob Hope charged \$60,000 for one appearance last year, the Times said.

Despite the price, more than 25 corporations, associations and conventions have already inquired about booking Reagan, said Bernie Swain, a partner in the Washington Speakers Bureau Inc., which has an exclusive agreement to represent both the former president and his wife.

"They've both said they'll be doing speeches," Mark Weinberg, director of public affairs for Reagan's Century City office, told the Times. "They don't believe in retirement and they will be active in every respect of the word."

Issues
Reagan has said that he plans to speak out as former president on such favourite issues as the need for a balanced budget and his opposition to the 22nd amendment, which limits presidents to two terms in office.

So far, Reagan has announced only one speech he plans to deliver — for free — at the University of Southern California Feb 6, his 78th birthday, which will deal with his plans for the future.

Frank Santos, the Los Angeles convention and visitors bureau director of sales, said he was contacted by the Washington Speaker's Bureau about booking Reagan for \$50,000, and added, "I told them many groups would like to have him, but, well, that's an awful lot of money."

Bush vows to take offensive in forging better ties with Moscow

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (Agencies): President Bush, reflecting on what he called a good, easy first week, says he plans to take the offensive in forging a better relationship with Moscow and foresees battles over his budget proposals.

Defending himself against suggestions he is "foot-dragging" in response to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's pledge to cut his country's troop levels, Bush told a news conference yesterday that "we're going to be out front."

"There's no reason to suggest that all we have to do is react to a speech by the general secretary. I want to take the offensive in moving this relationship forward," he said in a 42-minute question and answer session with reporters.

Consult

Bush has so far put off Gorbachev's bid for a superpower summit, saying he first needs to complete an internal review of US foreign policy and consult with America's NATO allies. In the news conference, notable for its length and the breezy fashion in which the new President fielded questions, Bush said he was determined he would not be rushed into a rash initiative.

"Prudence is the order of the day," he said. "It does take a little time. I've only been here less than a week."

Bush also said that Secretary of State James Baker would advance "bold, new initiatives" in foreign policy.

"I have great confidence in

him," said Bush, adding that Baker would be "my principal foreign policy adviser."

"Nowhere is the need for new engagement greater than in foreign policy," he said. "The world demands new strategies and new solutions."

"Today we see a process of change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, in the Middle East," Bush said.

Bush, who devoted his first week in office primarily to symbolic gestures destined to put his own stamp on the White House, conceded he will have to shift gears soon and back up his words with action.

Dominated

"If we just sat around and did nothing except be pleasant to people on the Hill or something, why I expect that would grow a little old for you all," he said in reference to his bid for bipartisan co-operation with a Congress dominated by the Democrats.

He said he already senses that the political honeymoon traditionally extended new presidents may end once he presents his budget proposals to Congress on Feb 9.

Memoirs

"It's been a good, easy week. And I expect it will change dramatically in the days ahead," Bush said.

Bush also said that he sees nothing wrong with Reagan receiving large sums of money for his memoirs.

"I don't think it's ever been challenged as inappropriate," Bush said.



Secretary of State James Baker (left) shakes hands with President Bush at the White House. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pakistan close to building N-bomb

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (UPI): The outgoing Reagan administration told Congress that the United States is unlikely to be able to certify this year that Pakistan does not possess nuclear weapons, the Washington Post reported today.

The Post quoted congressional and administration sources as saying that without such certification required annually by law, Pakistan will not be eligible to receive US economic and military aid beyond the current fiscal year.

The Reagan administration's budget for fiscal year 1990 includes a request for \$621 million in assistance to Pakistan, part of a \$4.02 billion, six-year package.

Congressional sources said Reagan administration officials told lawmakers privately that

Pakistan was so close to building a bomb that "it had been a very close call" in renewing the certification last November, the Post said.

The Reagan administration decided that they would not be able to issue certification this year, the Post said, quoting one source as saying, "It's going to be a mess."

It was not known if the Bush administration would accept its predecessor's conclusion on Pakistan's nuclear capabilities, the Post said.

Congress has been reluctant to cut off aid to Pakistan because of its key role as a conduit for US aid to anti-communist rebels fighting Soviet forces in nearby Afghanistan. A Soviet pullout of Afghanistan, currently under way, may lessen the importance of aid to Pakistan, the Post said.

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majority in the National Assembly, bolstered by support from smaller groups and independent lawmakers.

Jatoli

But the elections are the first test of her electoral popularity

since she became Pakistan's prime minister and the first woman to head a Muslim nation.

The leading opposition candidate in today's elections was Ghulam Mustafa Jatoli, chairman of the nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance.

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Iraq calls for pressure on Iran

BAGHDAD, Jan 28, (Reuters): Iraq called for pressure on Iran to implement a UN resolution to end the Gulf war as a UN mediator began talks in Baghdad to revive stalled peace talks.

"Time has come for the world community to force Iran to implement (UN) Resolution 598 in full, to help achieve a just, comprehensive and honourable peace in the Gulf-region," the ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Ittihad said in an editorial.

UN envoy Jan Eliasson today discussed strengthening the ceasefire and implementing the UN peace call with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

Ambitions

Al Thawra said Eliasson, who arrived in Baghdad last night, "would find Iraq fully committed to its peaceful position and that it has no ambitions on the territory of others."

The UN mediator flew to Iraq after talks with leaders in Tehran as part of his search for incentives that might lure the Gulf war foes

back to the bargaining table after an 11-week stalemate.

Eliasson, Sweden's UN ambassador, was quoted by INA as saying he discussed a range of issues in Tehran but it was too early to say if his mission would produce positive results.

"There has been a need for a new incentive," he said. "I hope this stage will be a contribution towards achieving peace."

Eliasson stopped in the southern Iraqi port of Basra yesterday with General Slavko Jovic, Yugoslav commander of a United Nations Observer Force monitoring the August Gulf ceasefire.

Iraq insists the ceasefire should be fixed before talks move on to other parts of the UN Security Council's Resolution 598. It says dredging of the Shatt Al Arab border waterway is part of the resolution.

Iran rejects clearing the waterway of war debris before its legal status is resolved. The dispute over the Shatt Al Arab was one of the main causes of the eight-year war.

Pledge to reduce casualties

DUBLIN, Jan 28, (Reuters): IRA guerrillas have pledged they will try to reduce civilian casualties after killing 23 people by mistake in a string of botched attacks.

"Many civilians died in operations which dented the confidence of some of our supporters," an IRA spokesman said in an interview with Republican

News, its Irish nationalist weekly.

The surprisingly frank interview coincided with the opening in Dublin yesterday of the annual conference of Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army which is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Talks with government will decide future of Solidarity: Walesa

WARSAW, Jan 28, (AP): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said today that the future of the banned union will be decided at planned talks between the opposition and the government on political and economic reforms.

Solidarity leaders and top government officials agreed yesterday to hold the first session of the long-awaited talks on Feb 6, and Walesa appeared in an energetic, optimistic mood at a news conference today.

"The problems are terribly difficult, but there is no great controversy which would eliminate the possibility of meeting," he said.

Struggle

"Solidarity as such will be decided upon in detail at the (negotiations) table. We were supposed to struggle for such a possibility and that's what we did," Walesa said at the news conference in Warsaw.

The negotiations, dubbed "round-table" talks, appear to be part of a government effort to bring the opposition into the battle to reverse the economic decline that has left Poland with chronic shortages, a daunting foreign debt and a dispirited public.

Walesa, the country's main opposition leader, said the talks, first proposed by the government during a wave of strikes last August, should be kept as short as possible because the country's problems are urgent.

"Lech Walesa is really scared. The situation in the country is very difficult. I have said many times before that every Pole has reason to go on strike, to protest," the union leader said.

"But every Pole, including us, must know the question how to get out of it. We, as activists, must seek solutions which would allow us to get out of this situa-

tion," he added.

"As far as the round-table goes, we have said many times and repeat it, we want to make it as fast as possible... but there are terribly difficult and complicated problems and they can't be solved that quickly," he said.

Refused

Walesa refused to agree to the negotiations until Polish authorities made a political decision clearing the way for the banned union to be legalised.

In a dramatic policy reversal last week, the Communist Party's central committee voted to allow more than one legal trade union to exist and to permit members of the opposition to participate in government bodies.

The Solidarity leadership agreed Jan 22 to hold negotiations with the government on legalising the union.

Walesa said he now believes Poland is entering a new internal political situation.

Solidarity adviser Tadeusz Mazowiecki said that yesterday's negotiations had been difficult, but that all procedural obstacles to the new negotiations with government officials had been eliminated.

Mazowiecki said that formal legalisation of Solidarity was the most important problem of the union.

"We are looking for solutions, how to do it so that it can be done as soon as possible," Mazowiecki said.

Walesa was accompanied at yesterday's negotiations by seven union activists and advisers, and three representatives of the church.

Interior Minister Gen Czeslaw Kiszczak, and Politburo member Stanislaw Ciolek were among the government representatives, the official news agency PAP said.

Cold snap hits Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan 28, (AP): With record temperatures dipping to 75 degrees (48 degrees Celsius) below zero and Alaska's cold snap showing no sign of breaking, the governor activated the state's emergency services agency.

"We're not declaring an emergency yet," Gov. Steve Cowper said yesterday in a brief radio address, but added that the weather forecast offers little hope for a break. "There's no end in sight, apparently," he said.

Cowper said Alaskans in need of help should first call local authorities, and then to the state agency, which will be open 24 hours a day. He also announced a toll-free number for the agency.

The community of McGrath posted the state's low of 75 (48 degrees Celsius) below zero overnight and national guard diesel-powered trucks were among the few vehicles still operating. The temperature warmed to minus 59 (minus 50 degrees Celsius) by yesterday morning.

Closed

Sitka, with the high of 43 (6 degrees Celsius), was tropical by comparison. Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, shivered through a high of minus 15 (minus 26 degrees Celsius). Even light winds pushed wind chill factors to minus 100 degrees (minus 73 degrees Celsius) or colder.

Schools were closed in some

towns, including McGrath and Nenana, and some Kodiak island communities used exchange agreements to replenish household heating fuel by obtaining supplies from well-stocked schools.

"Major Gen. John Schaeffer, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, said that Alaskans who have been in the state for a while likely stocked up on essentials before the winter.

The brim frost military exercises involving some 20,000 troops from Alaska and elsewhere continued, despite the cold, but temperatures below 80 degrees (27 degrees Celsius) could force the war games to shut down, said Army spokesman Chuck Canterbury.

Rotary rules

EVANSTON, Illinois, Jan 28, (AP): Rotary Clubs around the world, once-all-male, soon will be able to admit women, as clubs in the United States and Canada have done, the organisation said. Rotary International's Council on legislation has adopted a change in the service club's rules that permits any of the 23,900 clubs in 164 countries to admit women starting July 1.

The new provision will not require that women be included, and clubs in some countries are expected to continue to ban them.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Four killed in Bangladesh polls

DHAKA, Jan 28, (Reuters): At least four people were killed and more than 200 injured when rival groups fought with guns, bombs and swords during municipal elections in Bangladesh today, police and witnesses said.

Authorities said they had stopped voting in 75 centres because of the trouble.

Hospital fire

LEEDS, England, Jan 28, (AP): One patient died following a fire at a hospital in Leeds in northern England early today and police said they believe an arsonist was responsible.

Staff at the city's 1,500-bed St James' hospital evacuated about 40 patients from four wards as choking, acrid smoke swirled through one of the hospital blocks.

The 71-year-old victim is believed to have died from inhaling smoke. Five of the 40 firemen battling the blaze required medical treatment after inhaling smoke.

Bomb blast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Jan 28, (AP): A policeman was killed and another was badly hurt in a bomb attack early today in a village in the western part of Northern Ireland, police said.

A third policeman also was slightly injured when about 200 people spilling out of a nearby discotheque pelted him with bottles as he went to the aid of his colleagues after the bombing in Sion Mills, near the border, police in Belfast said.

Schoolgirl returns

NICOSIA, Jan 28, (Reuters): A Greek-Cypriot schoolgirl whose marriage to a Turk in north Cyprus sparked a propaganda war has returned to her parents in the south, the United Nations said today.

Uncertainty forced closure of embassy...

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"the heaviest ever seen" in the nine-year war and had caused many casualties, mostly among civilians, recently returned from refugee camps in neighbouring Pakistan.

As the situation of foreign diplomats was announced, military sources said Kabul was hit by a salvo of eight rebel rockets, the first rocket attack on the city in several days.

Decision

At the United Nations a spokesman said Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was considering a visit to Kabul at the invitation of President Najibullah.

The UN spokesman also said a decision had been taken to use ground convoys rather than airlifts to move relief supplies into Afghan regions controlled by the mujahadeen rebels.

He said UN officials would negotiate with the Soviet authorities about stocks and storage facilities in the north and that it was agreed that UN staff, which number only two in Kabul, should be strengthened.

In Kabul many residents have bought stocks of food against the uncertain future and two weeks ago supplies ran low of flour for the staple "nan" — unleavened bread.



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Smuggling of arms on the rise in Philippines

MANILA, Jan 28, (AP): Gun smuggling is increasing and authorities estimate there are about 189,100 unregistered weapons in the hands of criminal syndicates, communist rebels, Muslim separatists and individual owners.

Col. Jose Andaya, chief of the Philippine Constabulary's firearms and explosives unit, told a law enforcement meeting today that only 1,565 illegally held firearms were recovered in 1988.

Andaya said gun smuggling is increasing and can only be curbed if the military cracks down on possession of unregistered weapons.

"At this collection rate, it will take us 94 years to collect all loose firearms in the country," Andaya said.

He said most of the illegal firearms are held by either crime syndicates, communist rebels or Muslim insurgents.

Andaya estimated that most of the firearms are in the southern island of Mindanao, which is the stronghold of both the communist New People's Army and separatist group called the Moro National Liberation Front.

He said about 29,700 illegally held guns are in the Manila area, mostly held by crime syndicates.

Andaya added that there are about 439,621 licensed firearms in the Philippines. Most of these guns are in the hands of government officials, their security men or influential individuals.

Andaya did not give an estimate of the number of firearms in the military arsenal.



Barbara Walters, co-host on the ABC-TV show, interviews Col. Muammar Khaddafi in his tent in Tripoli. (Reuters wire-photo)

Khaddafi wants to improve ties with US

NEW YORK, Jan 28, (Reuters): Muammar Khaddafi appeared on US television last night with his wife and said he hoped to meet President Bush to improve Libya's relations with the country that bombed his home in 1986.

Asked if he wanted direct talks with the new US President, Khaddafi told ABC Television: "It is not a question of do I want to. I think it is a need, it is a necessity."

"If we want to build correct, sound, healthy relations, we should understand each other directly. I have hoped that this would be achieved sometime during (the) Bush administration."

Bush, as Ronald Reagan's vice-president, once called Khaddafi "an egomaniac who would trigger World War III just to make headlines."

Khaddafi praised Bush as being a big improvement over former President Reagan, who authorised the 1986 bombing of the military compound where

Khaddafi lives. His wife Safiya, who appeared briefly along with four of Khaddafi's seven children, said one of the boys still had nightmares about the bombing. An adopted baby daughter was killed in the raid.

Misunderstanding
She said the West misunderstood her husband, and joked that if the West's portrayal of him were true, "I wouldn't have stayed with him until now." She said they had been married 19 years.

Khaddafi said of Bush: "I know he's a man who is completely different from Reagan. He's a politician, a factual man, a practical man. Reagan used to treat the presidency as a theatre where he performs his acts."

Khaddafi, who was instrumental in securing the release of French schoolgirls held hostage in Lebanon by Palestinian guerrilla leader Abu Nidal, said he would also have called for the mother's release but did not know she was being held.

Mothers get AIDS through breast feeding

MOSCOW, Jan 28, (AP): Nurses using tainted syringes infected 27 children with AIDS at a southern Russian hospital, a newspaper reported. It was the largest single outbreak in the Soviet Union.

In an expose headlined "Diagnosis: syringe," the labour daily Trud said "criminal negligence" was suspected at the Republican Children's Hospital in Elista. Authorities discovered the outbreak last November when a child and a woman blood donor from the hospital were found to have AIDS.

The report was sure to send fresh shock waves through the Soviet Union, that only recently admitted to an AIDS problem and started diagnosis, treatment and prevention programmes.

Authorities discovered that a son of the woman blood donor had died after treatment in the same hospital as the AIDS-infected child, and began testing other children and mothers there. Trud said. Of 300 people screened, 27 babies and children — most under two years old — and four mothers were found to have the disease, which destroys the body's immune system.

The women apparently were infected with the virus from their children through breast feeding. Trud said. It said the mothers' nipples must have cracked and the infants passed the virus on to them. Such a method of transmission has not been previously identified elsewhere in the world, according to the newspaper.

AIDS can develop from infection with the virus called HIV. A person carrying the virus might not immediately contract the disease.

Despair
"It's not necessary to use many words to describe the despair of the parents who gave their children to the hospital hoping for a cure but running into the irremediable," the newspaper said.

Further tests are planned on 3,000 children at the hospital, as well as one patient at facilities elsewhere in the Russian republic where the infected children had also been treated.

Vadim Pokrovsky, head of the AIDS laboratory of the Central Scientific Research Institute of Epidemiology in Moscow, said the number of AIDS cases traced to the Elista Hospital could double or triple as tests continue. Another danger, he said, is from improper treatment of still unidentified infected patients.

Pre-poll violence in Sri Lanka

10th candidate shot dead

COLOMBO, Jan 28, (AP): Sinhalese extremists shot and killed a candidate for next month's parliamentary election, bringing to 10 the number of candidates slain this month, officials said today.

Punchibanda Ratnayake was shot to death last night in Welimadu, 118 kilometres east of Colombo, police said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Ratnayake, a Sinhalese, was a member of the opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

A senior election department official said 10 candidates for the Feb 15 parliamentary elections have been killed since nominations closed Jan 6.

Police had put the total at 10 before Ratnayake was killed. But the election official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that was incorrect.

He said six of the slain candidates belonged to the Freedom Party, two to the leftist United Socialist Alliance, one to President Ranasinghe Premadasa's governing United National Party and one to the Sri Lanka Tamil Congress Party.

Seven of the victims were Sinhalese, two were Tamils and one was Muslim.

Blame
Police blamed the latest killing and most of the others on the People's Liberation Front, a group of Sinhalese extremists angered by the government's peace accord with minority Tamil rebels.

But they said the two Tamil candidates killed in the northern Jaffna region were victims of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil

Eelam, a separatist guerrilla group that has been fighting the government since 1983.

Both the Tigers and the People's Liberation Front have vowed to disrupt the elections for the 225-seat parliament.

Police said the Sinhalese group has killed more than 60 people, most of them political supporters, in the last three days.

The Tigers have rejected the government's offer of partial autonomy for northern and eastern Sri Lanka, where most Tamils live. The Tamil rebels are fighting for an independent homeland for their ethnic minority.

Concessions
The People's Liberation Front started attacking the government and other Sinhalese politicians last year, saying too many concessions were being made to the Tamil minority.

Sinhalese make up about 75 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people and dominate the government and military. Tamils make up about 18 per cent and say they are discriminated against by the Sinhalese.

Most Tamils are Hindus and most Sinhalese are Buddhists.

The Muslims, who claim they descended from Arab traders, account for about 7 per cent of the population.

Sri Lanka also has a Christian minority, consisting of descendants of European colonists and converts among the Sinhalese and Tamil communities.

In other ethnic clashes, an Indian soldier and two ethnic Tamil rebels were killed Thursday in clashes in the northern

town of Jaffna, military officials said. They gave no details of those deaths.

In addition, rebels killed three Tamil moderates in the eastern town of Batticaloa, the officials said.

Government officials ordered police today to compile dossiers on students creating disturbances and warned such records would affect the youths' future employment.

Dossiers
Police have been asked to record the identities of student troublemakers, photograph and fingerprint them, an information department press release said.

During the past week, police have received reports of more than ten clashes or attempted clashes between student groups in Colombo and the capital's suburbs.

In the latest incident, a 17-year-old student was arrested today at a city busstop carrying a homemade bomb. Police believed the young suspect planned to use the explosive during a confrontation with rival students.

Besides measures by the security forces, government officials involved with education took separate steps.

Ministry of Education Secretary E.L. Wijemanne, said he asked school heads to try to resolve their own problems. "It would be much better than taking the problems outside the school," he said.

One official cited reports that "unscrupulous elements" were using students to trigger violence and force the closure of schools.

Iran considers drug addicts enemy agents

NICOSIA, Jan 28, (Reuters): Iran will treat its drug addicts, said by one official last week to number one million, as enemy agents, a senior law enforcement officer said.

"From now on we will not deal with drug addicts as miserable persons, but rather as enemy infiltrators in society," Tehran Radio quoted Serajeddin Mousavi, head of the Islamic Revolutionary Committee, as saying.

Mousavi said his force, which started as a neighbourhood police organisation during the Islamic revolution 10 years ago, guarded a border strip with Afghanistan declared a no-go zone to stop the influx of drugs.

Iran launched a major anti-narcotics campaign last week with a new law which stiffened punishment of traffickers. It said addicts would be sent to labour camps unless they lacked the habit within six months.

Iran has hanged 72 drug smugglers this month and Chief Justice Abdolkarim Mousavi Ardebili has vowed that executions would continue as long as Iran had a drug problem.

Iranian anti-narcotics forces recently arrested 136 people after clashes with 10 bands of drug smugglers on the northeastern border with the Soviet Union.

Iranian television said the officers seized 818 kg (1,800 pounds) of opium, 12 kg (26 pounds) of heroin and 10 guns and grenades from the gangs, which were ambushed in the Sarakhs area on Wednesday night.

North Korea holding 21 crewmen S. Korean boats captured

SEOUL, Jan 28, (AP): Two South Korean fishing boats with 21 crewmen aboard were seized today by a North Korean naval ship in international waters in the Yellow Sea, said government officials in a Pyongyang report.

A semi-official South Korean news agency specialising in communist affairs reported North Korea's official radio broadcasts confirmed the capture and said an investigation was under way.

The Naewoo news agency quoted the North Korean broadcasts as saying that two unidentified South Korea boats were seized deep in the North's territorial sea.

North Korea's official news agency also reported that one of the country's naval patrol boats captured the boats in North Korean waters off the country's west coast today.

The two unidentified boats had allegedly intruded illegally deep into North Korean territorial waters northwest of Changsanot in the Yellow Sea before being captured this morning,

the Korean central news agency said in a report monitored in Tokyo.

In Seoul, officials at the office of fishery said the Taeyang No. 7 and its sister ship, the Taeyang No. 8, both 100-ton-class trawlers, were taken to North Korea after being stopped shortly.

The Taeyang No. 7 carried 12 crewmen and the Taeyang No. 8 nine crewmen when they were seized by North Korean naval craft 48 kilometres west of Pusan, a South Korean port.

South Korea's western-most island in the Yellow Sea, the officials said.

It appears that no gunshots were fired when the South Korean boats were captured, they said.

Course
The South Korean fishing boats left their home port of Incheon on Monday and stayed in international waters when North Korean naval craft ordered them to change their course toward the North, they said.

The area is close to the sea extension of the Korean military demarcation line that separates the two Koreas roughly along the 38th Parallel. North Korea has seized many South Korean fishing boats in the area in the past, but returned most of them.

The latest incident took place at a time when the two Koreas are negotiating to open several different channels of dialogue to ease tension on the peninsula.

The two Koreas have been bitter rivals since their land was divided at the end of World War II in 1945. They fought a bloody three-year war in the early 1950s.

Babangida
LAGOS, Jan 28, (Reuters): Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida will travel to Egypt tomorrow for a four-day official visit, newspapers reported today.

Babangida, the first Nigerian head of state to visit Egypt, was expected to hold talks with President Hosni Mubarak.

Shiite rivals resume fighting

BEIRUT, Jan 28, (AP): Rival Shiite Muslim militiamen backed by Syria and Iran fought in Beirut's southern slums today as Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati flew to Damascus in a new bid to halt the bloodshed that has dragged for nine months.

Meanwhile, the Voice of Lebanon radio station, which is based in east Beirut, reported a car bomb explosion in east Lebanon's Syrian-policed Bekaa Valley. It said the blast left about 50 casualties, but did not give a breakdown of the killed and wounded.

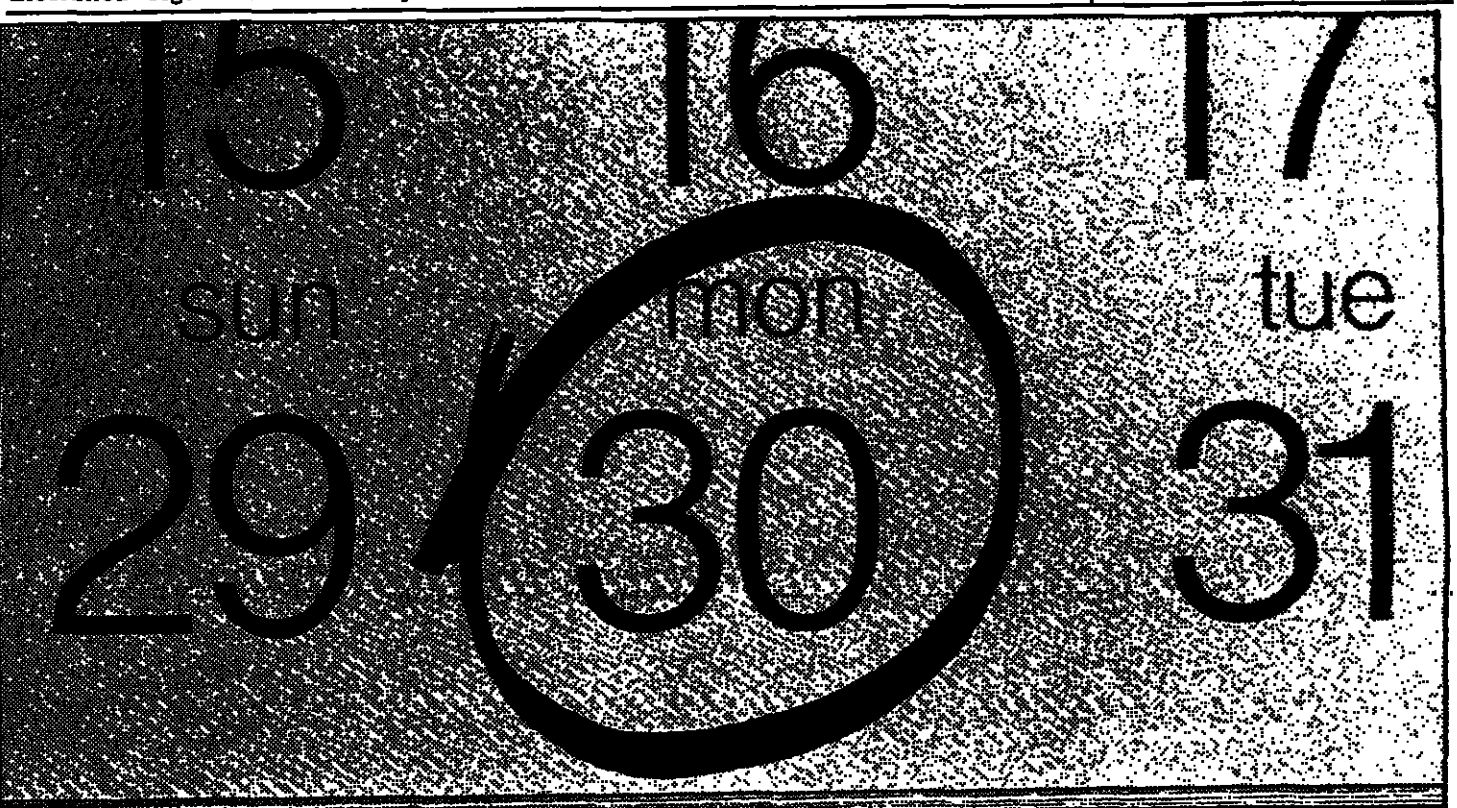
The Christians are violently opposed to the Syrian presence in Lebanon and the station's reports on developments in Muslim areas sometimes are inaccurate.

Police reported only that an explosion occurred in the town of Barr Elias in the Bekaa and that their patrols were dispatched to investigate. They had no other details.

Clash
Police said one person was killed three others were wounded in the 90-minute clash between the Syrian-backed mainstream Amal militia and pro-Iranian fundamentalists of Hezbollah, in south Beirut.

The new casualties upped the overall toll to 173 killed and 340 wounded since the latest round of inter-Shiite fighting broke out in the suburbs of Beirut on Dec 31 and spread to south Lebanon's apple province.

The two factions duelled with machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades until Syrian troops in charge of security in Beirut's Muslim sector moved in and enforced a truce.



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Kuwait Computer Conference to be held March 27

THE Higher Organising Committee for the first Kuwait Computer Conference will hold its meeting tomorrow to endorse the agenda of the conference scheduled to take place in Kuwait, March 27 to 29, a local daily reported.

It added that the conference will be sponsored by Kuwait Computer Society, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS), Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and Kuwait University.

It added that about 80 research papers had been submitted so far, but the conference's co-ordination committee had selected only 20 to be discussed at the conference.

It added that the conference aims at the exchange of experience among Arab computer specialists, and will concentrate on two issues: Arabisation of the computer and the computer's role in the educational process.

Tissue culture to develop plants and trees

JASEM HABIB, the director of Plant Resources Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources said that successful attempts at plant tissue culture is a remarkable scientific achievement, particularly in the field of developing long-life and high-cost plants.

The agro-production committee is currently conducting experiments using the new plant tissue culture technique to grow improved types of palm trees and ornamental plants in large quantities exhibiting original qualities, the official said.

The combination of the new technique with genetic engineering would result in a scientific technique which enhances development and growth of new types of plants and trees with long life and better ability to resist arid and problematic climatic conditions, Habib said.

Security caution

COL. Abdul Aziz Al Shamlan, the director of security at Hawalli Governorate has cautioned both citizens and expatriates against leaving their houses and cars open. Such negligence attracts and encourages juveniles and criminals to steal. He added that the establishment of the fifth governorate in Farwaniya reduces the pressure on Hawalli Governorate which has the highest density of population.

Re-orientation a must for Kuwait's doctors, says medical official

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S medical doctors should undergo a re-orientation course to enable them to keep abreast with international developments into the control and treatment of diseases, according to a senior Kuwaiti medical official.

Delivering the keynote address at a three-day seminar on new discoveries of pelvic cancer, Dr Abdullah Al Rifae, the secretary-general of Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialties said that diseases are international, but their manifestation differs from one society to another and from one country to another.

Kuwait has witnessed a change in the pattern of mortalities and morbidities and these are related to infections and diseases related to the environment. Topping the list of mortalities in Kuwait are heart diseases and

malignancies. Cancer is also the second leading cause of death in Kuwait, after heart diseases. Cancer of the womb and ovaries is common among females in Kuwait (Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis), he added.

Treatment

Dr Hendry of London, UK, delivered a speech on invasive bladder cancer and discussed ways to treat cancer through surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy. He used slides to highlight various topics.

During the three-day seminar, various topics will be discussed such as new approaches for the treatment of low rectal tumours, pre-operative imaging in cases of pelvic tumour and surgical aspects of ovarian cancer in Kuwait.

Specialists from France, Britain and eminent doctors and medical experts from Kuwait attended the seminar which is to continue till Jan 30.

Speedy measures requested to prevent hike in rents

A LARGE section of tenants have asked for speedy measures to prevent landlords and real estate owners from increasing rents.

Rents of flats and apartments have witnessed a big jump during the past decade. The majority of rents have doubled or increased to 400 per cent from their original value.

Residents complained of the constant rise in rents despite a decline in Kuwait's economic conditions. People are totally dependent on their salaries now-a-days, and rents should be decreased to match living standards.

Compete

Despite the fast growth witnessed in the residential complexes and building sector, most landlords compete with each other to attract tenants.

Luxurious and bigger flats have high rents and only those with high incomes are able to rent them. On the other hand, lower income employees and labourers can only rent flats in buildings old enough to be renovated or just demolished.

Some residents claim that they pay almost a third of their salaries to rent a one bedroom apartment. High rents have made many expatriates flee the country after living for a long time.

They expressed that living with such high rents affects the security of the country and might force people to resort to other ways to make ends meet.

A large section of residents have lived in their flats for as long as 15 years or more, they said that they were never able to contact their landlords, some even don't have any idea whether he receives the rent or not.

Landlords send their security guards (Harris) or their representatives to collect rents at the beginning of each month, any delays in payment will prompt an evacuation and the matter will be referred to a police station.

A resident said that the company he works at sometimes doesn't pay salaries on time, and salaries are sometimes delayed by a month. He said that a landlord should show some mercy at least for those who have been paying rents for as long as 10 years. He suggested that Kuwait should allow expatriates to purchase their own flats. He added, "we pay for all maintenance so we might as well own the apartment."

He complained of the negligence of landlords in not doing repairs and called for repairs. A large section of tenants have demanded government intervention for the protection of tenants and to permit them to own their flats.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at his office in Bayan Palace the General Commander of the US Central Command, General Norman Schwarzkopf and the accompanying delegation. The audience was attended by Kuwait's Chief of Staff Major General Mezyed Al Sanea and the US ambassador here W. Nathaniel Howell.

General Schwarzkopf was also received by Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad at their offices.

Kuwait keen to combat drugs: Khorafi

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (KUNA): Finance Minister Jassim Mohammed Al Khorafi asserted today the government's determination to combat drugs and traffickers through modern methods.

The minister told a group of customs inspectors who seized large quantities of the poison pills that there should be close co-operation at the highest level in the government's anti-drug campaign.

He said stiff laws against drug trafficking is the key to weeding out the drug abuse problem in Kuwait.

"My meeting with you is in appreciation of the role you played in busting the attempt to smuggle the large quantity of poison pills on your own and without a prior tip," the minister told the inspectors.

AIDS conference

ABU DHABI, Jan 28, (Reuters): Arab health ministers will meet in Libya in March to discuss ways of fighting AIDS, the United Arab Emirates news agency WAM said today.

It said among the topics at the March 18-19 meeting would be ways of making blood transfusions safer. Transfusions of contaminated blood are one of the ways the killer disease is spread.

US Middle East commander arrives

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (Reuters): The new commander of US forces in the Middle East held talks today with the Prime Minister of Kuwait, which plans to reduce soon the number of oil tankers with American naval protection in the Gulf.

A US embassy spokesman said General Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the Florida-based US Central Command, discussed Gulf developments with Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and the Kuwaiti defence and interior ministers.

Schwarzkopf is on a familiarisation tour of the Middle East after being appointed late last year to succeed retiring General

George Crist.

He is due to meet Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah and chairman of the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company Abdul Fattah Al Bader tomorrow, the spokesman said.

The US Navy has 24 warships in the Gulf region to protect 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers registered in the United States in 1987 at the height of attacks on Gulf shipping by Iran and Iraq.

Since a ceasefire in their eight-year war last August the US had gradually reduced its naval presence. Kuwait earlier this month announced plans to haul down the US flag on six of the registered tankers in a sign that tension was easing.

Health Ministry aims to improve medical services

ACCORDING to an official source at the Ministry of Public Health, the ministry's forthcoming five-year plan will seek to further improve public health and medical services.

The source said that the plan would also seek to implement health sector strategy, seeking to optimise the individual's contribution to the development of living patterns in general and foster its active participation in the national development process.

The source added that the ministry would also seek to further its policy on centralised planning and decentralised implementation through upgrading planning methodology and supporting development-cum-planning research to set the stage for active interfacing.

The source also said that the plan would encourage graduates to replenish current staff shortages to ensure equal staffing at different health and medical centres.

Australian master butcher to arrive in Bahrain

AN AUSTRALIAN master butcher is scheduled to make a four-week tour of butchering establishments in the Gulf region in February and March.

As part of an on-going programme of the Middle East office of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation, the tour will take Gerald Flynn to Saudi Food '89 in Riyadh between Feb 25 and March 1, where he will be discussing butchering techniques with caterers and retailers. He will also demonstrate butchering methods at Bahrain's Catering Centre at Muharraq.

During his stay, Flynn will visit dozens of major supermarkets as well as slaughtering and butchering operations in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

British Airways playhouse

"TOUCH and Go", a hilarious new comedy will be staged in Bahrain between 4-9 Feb at the Hilton Hotel. Directed by Derek Benfield, the immensely successful play is the first British Airways playhouse for 1989 in the island. The brilliant comedy coincides with the 10th anniversary of the British Theatre Company at the Hilton.

The play is about philandering husbands and features a strong cast with Ralph Bates, William Gount, Carolyn Lyster and Barbara Murray.

"Touch and Go" is a new play but already has received splendid notices from the British national press.

Fire-fighting academy planned in Sulaibiya

A FIRE-FIGHTING academy in Sulaibiya having a capacity of 500 students will soon be established, according to Ahmed Abdul Razzaq, the general director of the General Fire Department.

Kuwait currently has 35 fire centres, five of which are located on motorways specialised for rescue accidents and three are for marine services — the balance is located in different other areas.

In an interview with a local daily, Razzaq said that a study is currently being conducted to

study internal conditions and training courses of the department. "We are keen to develop our staff to match modern fire-fighting techniques," he added.

The official said that the department uses civil defence men for detecting and de-activating explosives. The department stands ready to deal with any emergency at all times.

He commented that the time is not yet right for Kuwaiti women to join the fire-fighting forces.

Saudis deny covert contacts with Iran

RIYADH, Jan 28, (KUNA): An authoritative Saudi source has denied reports that his country had covert contacts with Iran in a European capital.

Commenting on what Tunisian paper "Al Eln" has reported on secret talks being held by the kingdom and Iran, he said that such reports had spread on various points, the source told the Saudi Press Agency that such claims are fabrications and not founded in truth.

Headed the highest official in the kingdom had previously announced, that it does not want to create any problems with any country.

He said when the kingdom decides to hold a meeting with a country it would not resort to secrecy, but rather, it will publicise the matter at once in an open and clear manner, he said.

Rashed returns from OIC culture meeting

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (KUNA): Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Chairman of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Rashed Al Rashed returned home yesterday from Senegal, after leading Kuwait's delegation to a meeting of culture ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Upon arrival, Rashed told KUNA that a Supreme Culture Committee in Islamic states has been formed by the OIC to be chaired by Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, who called for this meeting to look into a number of cultural matters.

The minister said that the meetings tackled many issues, including Islamic institutions in Africa and Asia, which badly need the backing of the Islamic world.

Arrangements begun for establishing fertiliser plant

THE Industrial Investment Company has reportedly begun the necessary arrangements preliminary to establishing an organic fertiliser production company, at the request of the Public Investment Authority.

A local newspaper, quoting well-informed sources at the company, said that the proposed company would be a closed company with a total capital of KD5 million, and that the distribution of the company shares was still unsettled.

The paper added that the economic studies had confirmed the feasibility of the proposed project due to environmental considerations and use of fertilisers for agricultural purposes and discontinuation of the practice of garbage burial.

The paper also said that the total cost of the project was KD10 million, with a total of 24 months for construction, and that the first stage of the project included the establishment of a solid waste matter recycling plant able to process a total of 700 tons of solid waste matter daily.

The paper pointed out that the plant would produce 190 tons of organic fertilisers, 80 tons of material sorted from paper and metal and 190 tons of waste matter meant for disposal.

Plan to develop telephone network in five stages, says Sharhan

HOUSING areas supplied with new telephone networks have so far had no cause for complaints, according to Abdullah Al Sharhan, the minister of communications.

The ministry has formulated a plan to improve and develop the telephone network in five stages. The fifth and last stage covering Jahra, Sulaibikhat, Ahmadi, Farwaniya and Juleib Al Shiyoukh will be covered from the middle of this year. This stage is expected to be completed in 1992.

All pending applicants for telephone services will be provided with their requirements during this period, the official said. Additional applications will be attended to after completion of the project, he added.

The ministry has begun a project to develop the 101 Information Service. The Higher Committee of Planning at the ministry approved a plan to distribute an electronic telephone directory to several telephone exchanges to reduce pressure on the main office of 101 service.

A proposal to reduce work hours of operators and another to issue a new telephone directory to subscribers is under consideration. Strict control on 101 Information Service has shown marked improvement, according to recent statistics.

The ministry makes every effort to ensure that there are no mistakes in sending subscribers their bills and is trying to collect payment for all outstanding bills. The official said that monitor-

ing telephone calls by the ministry's operators is prohibited and severe action, including referring erring operators to the judicial authorities will be instituted. Additionally, those proved guilty could be barred from holding any government jobs, he said.

He added that subscribers desiring to have their telephone numbers changed have to provide reasonable justification. An amount of KD35 will be charged for this change.

Meanwhile, the Communications Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub informed a local daily that the total capacity of telephone exchanges is 575,000 telephone lines. Presently 300,000 lines are allotted and the balance are reserved to meet demands of subscribers.

Forum for women in management



THE importance of fully utilizing all available national human resources, and the wide range of aptitudes and talents they possess, has been a topic of growing importance in the Gulf in recent years. Foremost among these resources is the female population of many countries.

Although jobs have been available to them for many years in the traditional fields of education and health care, more and more women have now been educated to a level at which they can and do play important roles in a number of sectors, including government, banking, general services and industry. And an increasing number of women are being promoted to supervisory and management positions in these fields.

Recognizing this fast increasing trend, and the particular issues it raises for women, Athens based international Management Consultants MEIRC arranged the first "Forum for Women in Management" in Bahrain in February 1988. The forum was a notable success and attracted a great deal of attention throughout the Gulf.

The second "Forum for Women in Management" will be held in the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel from Feb 4-6, 1989.

The speakers at the forum will include, Dr Faiza Al Kharafi of Kuwait University; Dr Freiba Al Drazzi; Dr Aisha Al Sayyar; Dr Abdo Bardawil; and Dr Sane', undersecretary for administrative development of the Kuwait Civil Service Commission.

Presentations will be made on a number of wide ranging management topics including the importance of Behavioural Skills, and Managerial Skills for Working with Multinational and Mixed Workforce. Workshop sessions will also be held in which issues such as improving managers' skills and performance, balancing off-the-job training with on-the-job development, and unique aspects of management training in the Gulf will be discussed by the participants. A large number of delegates representing a wide spectrum of organisations are expected to attend the forum.

New locust attack likely

ACCORDING to reports attributed to the World Food and Agriculture Organisation, Kuwait is likely to be re-invaded by new swarms of locusts, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij, the Chairman of the Board and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources said.

He added that the authority has begun to expropriate metal or wooden vessels in implementation of a cabinet decision. A total of 75 per cent of vessels form the private sector and 50 per cent of the total vessels used for commercial purposes will be expropriated, he said.

Elucidating, he said that this measure is intended to reduce the negative effects of irregular use of these vessels on marine life, protect sea basins and develop national fish resources.

Traffic violations

156 drivers were sentenced to jail terms during the month of December last year alone. A release issued by the Ministry of Justice said that the traffic courts looked into over 5,000 traffic cases during the same month. Fines collected from traffic violations totalled to over KD151,000. In addition, driving licences of 287 drivers were withdrawn. The release added that traffic accidents during the same month resulted in 29 deaths.

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Jaber meets ILO official

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (KUNA): Kuwait's Information Minister and Acting Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah met today with the Deputy Director General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Ghaleb Barakat, who is currently visiting Kuwait.

The meeting, attended by the Undersecretary of the Social Affairs Ministry Eissa Yassin, dealt with the co-operation between Kuwait and the organisation in the field of labour relations.

Three years for forgery

A MAN Mohammed M.A. was sentenced to three years in jail to be followed by deportation by Kuwait's Criminal Court, a local daily reported.

The defendant who was working as an accountant in an embassy has been convicted of forging an official document.

The court heard, that the defendant had illegally endorsed a cheque in his favour which was supposed to be issued to the order of a man identified as Habib G.

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GOING PLACES

They forgot to remember to forget

"I FORGOT to remember to forget." Does this line ring a bell? A song, recorded by Elvis in the 1950s, was written by Stan Kessler, the man who stayed behind-the-scenes for decades before deciding it was time to come out of the shadow of big names in music.

But the time has not yet come to "forget" the rhythm of the 1950s.

"We don't want to forget the feel of 50's music," said Stan. They won't let listeners neglect it either.

In 1986, Stan and five others — Sonny Burgess, Smokey Smith, D.J. Fontana, Marcus van Story and Paul Burlison — formed the Sun Rhythm Section, which visited Kuwait last week for a concert.

"We play what we feel, we create happy sounds; music that makes them (audience) rock with us," he said. They play rockabilly music, which they pioneered in the 1950s.

The musicians, wearing broad grins on their ruddy faces, are in their twilight years but their music has not mellowed with the years.

Critics still rave about the "raw energy and unique feel" of rockabilly music. So do the audiences.

The Sun Rhythm group was formed by accident. In 1986, they performed at the Smithsonian Institution's Folk Life Festival. The response was tremendous. "People crowded our tent; they came from all over the grounds and were very excited," recalls Stan. Requests to play at clubs and other concerts started pouring in and they were rocking and rolling all over the United States, belting out numbers that kept toes tapping and hands clapping.

"We play authentic rockabilly music of the '50s," they said. Rockabilly is a blend of rhythm, blues and country music that took America by storm.

"Our music is spontaneous; we don't have the so-called arrangements. We enjoy making music as much as listening to it," said Fontana.

The Sun Rhythm members,



The Sun Rhythm Section: (clockwise) Stan Kessler, Sonny Burgess, Paul Burlison, Marcus van Story, Smokey Smith and D.J. Fontana

were at one time or another, members of the Sun Recording Company, the pioneers of the sound that made Elvis a cult-figure throughout the world. The group's members can't forget Elvis.

"He (Elvis) was a very shy man, a very nice person," they say adoringly.

"If it didn't feel like you want to tap your feet with the music, it was not good music for Elvis," said D.J. Fontana, a drummer with the singer for 14 years.

Fontana sports the Elvis hairstyle and looks every inch a musician of the 50s.

Clean cut, clean shaven and tidy, Fontana has never ceased "hitting the road," first with Elvis and later with Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash and others. He also acted in five Elvis movies — a period Fontana describes as "wasting time."

Today, he takes time off to attend various conventions organised by the Elvis fan clubs throughout Europe and America and counters rumours about Elvis — the recent being that the rock star is alive.

"They (fans) want to believe he still lives; they actually believe it," said Fontana.

Fontana says he is "given a test of knowledge about Elvis" during the fan club meetings. "They (fans) know everything about him (Elvis) but they ask the questions anyway, just to find out if I really knew him."

A wrinkle appears under his eyes as he says smilingly: "The years with Elvis were the best years of my life."

Those years were also the most hectic ones for Fontana. "They were times when he wanted to get away from Elvis and the circle of people around him," he said.

"He (Elvis) never tried to push us aside and always made it a point to introduce his band. He was courteous and treated us good," recalls Fontana.

Such memories enrich the life of Fontana and the others of the Sun Rhythm Section. But they don't bask in the glory of other singers.

Birds" and others were recorded by such artists as Rod Stewart, the Stray Cats and Fleetwood Mac.

"They didn't change the music; they recorded it pretty much the same way I did," Paul said, recalling the days when he was better known for his guitar work for "The Rock and Roll Trio" and Johnny Burnette.

Paul had a tough time "learning music" in the 1950s. "I learnt to play by the ear, it was much difficult then to become a musician than it is now," he said.

For Marcus van Story, the man who is known as the "king of the slap bass," it took more than a nudge from his mother to go on stage.

He was eight years old when he sang for the radio. Marcus recalls: "I was singing and froze halfway through the song when I realised thousands were listening to me. It took great courage to go on after my mother gave me a nudge."

Once he got going, Marcus never looked back as he graduated from gospel music to boogie-woogie and rock-

abilly. He plays the bass, harmonica, rhythm guitar and organ and is also a vocalist. With four decades of music behind him, Marcus is still going strong.

"It's more fun today than it was ever before. I enjoy making music; it's terrific," Marcus said.

The same goes for Sonny. "Red headed woman" and "We want to boogie" are now classic rockabilly records of lead guitarist and vocalist Sonny Burgess who lamented the absence of music schools during his time and admits today's "music has changed." Sonny, who was a leader of "The Pacers", a much sought after band in the 50s, is boogieing on with the Sun Rhythm.

The musical atmosphere is still the same," Sonny said. Smokey Smith agrees, but says: "Today's music doesn't feel good; it's mechanical and sounds alike." Smokey has come a long way from the days when he was with a comedy show. An original member of The Mark-Keys band Smokey played on their smash hit "Last Night" and "Charged" with music he created what is now known as the "Memphis pumpin' piano" sound.

"It's great fun playing the piano," says Smokey, twirling his nose and pulling a face as he looks at others to support his enthusiasm, which the group has in abundance.

The Sun Rhythm Section members may have diverse talents but they share a bond: their love for music — and an urge to go on "Playing for keeps", (a song written by Kessler).

"The secret of our success is that we have the same enthusiasm we had 39 years ago; we are unimpaired when we play music — we enjoy our music, so does the audience," said Kessler.

From Kuwait, the group went to Bangladesh and will visit Jordan and Tunisia on their current tour. And their music keeps them going.

(FA)

In a class of his own

With subtlety and feeling, reflect warmth, tenderness and grief. They give into vigorous movements, played with crushing energy, which depict feelings ranging from exhilaration to rage.

If he is rewarding to listen to he is equally interesting to watch. He performs with dash and a note of theatricality which gives an overall pleasing effect. As the notes bounce off the keyboard his hands slide off to stay immobile in the air for a fraction of a second before returning to the piano. He is a demanding performer who has a habit of shocking the audience into attention by his music.

His highly individualistic approach is contagious. The listener is drawn into his world and is compelled to go all the way until the final resolution of each piece of music. What is initially engaging soon becomes a welcome invasion and, the pianists one has heard



Gekic: talented before pale into insignificance.

He is characterised by individuality, technical skills and ability to build upon a piece of music rather than just perfectly reproduce the sound.

It is this special emotional quality and intellectual streak in his interpretation that sets him apart from other pianists. The Polish couple, Anna and Cezary Owerkowicz, who are visiting professors at Kuwait's

Higher Institute of Music and leading authority on piano music in the country, said Kuwait has not heard a pianist of Gekic's stature in the three years they have spent in the country.

Cezary Owerkowicz, who heard Gekic on Wednesday, said contemporary pianists require much more than a technical skill.

"Gekic has a strong musical personality, he is trying to find a new interpretation. His playing is creative. Even the most difficult passages, usually a torture for many, are a pleasure for him," said Owerkowicz.

He said Gekic is one of the most interesting pianists with a great future because he combines a fantastic technical skill with feeling and thought. "There is no music without thought," said Owerkowicz. "Gekic's music is like a cold, fresh stream."

The Owerkowicz were fas-

inated by Gekic's interpretation of Liszt. "Liszt is a kind of composer who left room in his music for an interpreter. Had Liszt been able to hear Gekic play his music I am convinced he would have been satisfied," said Owerkowicz.

On Thursday, Gekic played Liszt's Funeral March and Mephisto-Waltz in addition to Beethoven's Sonata Op 57 and Chopin's Andante Spianato E, Grande Polonaise Brillante Op 22, Ballade Op 38 and Ballade Op 23.

Quoting a Russian artist Owerkowicz said: "A great composition is like a big tree. Each interpreter can take just a small twig. The larger the talent the larger the branch." Judging by the response of audiences and music critics world-wide Gekic has managed to carve out a big chunk.

Last week Gekic visited the Higher Institute of Music where he may soon be invited to conduct a master course. He played for the students who responded instantly to his music and personality. More than 20 of them turned up at his concert at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Wednesday.

(JP)

Dancer steals show at drama performance

FUNKAR Arts, a local cultural organisation, celebrated the Indian Republic Day on Friday with a dance-drama show at the Indian Arts Circle.

The lively programme included two one-act plays and a number of dances by students of local Indian schools. The first play, The Second Trap, a suspense drama, was interesting despite amateurish performances by most actors. Only Arif Kazi, who also directed both plays, seemed to have understood the character he was playing.

The second play, a comedy entitled Bus Stop dragged on, mainly due to frequent power failure and the superfluous performance of the actors. The audience became impatient. The "blind beggar" and a child with Hyderabad accent, however, managed to provoke a few laughs.

Among the dance numbers, the best item was a number, danced to the music of "Ek do teen" from the film Tezaab. The lead dancer Valencia Sylvia performed vigorously and became a hit with the audience. The dance was so popular that it had to be repeated due to "great public demand."

Another dance, Disco Dandia, a variation of the Gujarati Garba, was well-conceived by director Hansa Sagar. The number started well but seemed to go on and on.

The mimicry items presented by Saifullah Kardame and Moid Khatib were tolerable despite the latter indulging in innuendoes.

The well-known Urdu poet Noor Parkar ably conducted the programme. A prize distribution ceremony and a lucky draw were also held.

Shamim Zaidi



Indian girls dancing to the music of 'Ek do teen', the most popular dance number.



A scene from the suspense play The Second Trap.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Dennis the Menace: a cartoon series for children
- 6.30 The Owl: a look at the horse and its qualities... Its rider and the balance and harmony between them.
- 7.00 Scientific Eye: "Gravity." The concept of gravity... Mass and weight and the state of non-existence of gravity.
- 7.30 The Pursuit of Happiness. "Dave" lends his car to a colleague who returns after a while with certain parts thereof...
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Call Me Mister: "Jolly" witnesses a man while falling down from a high bridge. But the police couldn't find any trace of the man who appeared dead after few days on the beach.
- 9.30 Dive to Adventure: Exciting documentaries on underwater



A scene from What's Happening Now on KTV 2 at 10.00 pm.

life, filmed all over the world... 10.00 What's Happening Now: "Roger" writes a play and rehearses his family members to perform it where his wife plays the role of a mistress to his friend... 10.30 Bestseller: Lancaster and Miller Affair. Mrs Miller and Mr Lancaster plan to travel by a

small plane from London to Australia in order to register world records... 11.30 News in Brief 11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Ghadir Gallery UNTIL Feb 9: The Orient in their Eyes is the title of an exhibition by a group of Arab and European artists. The exhibition is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

EDUCATION

Darul Quran REGISTRATION for the first semester at the Darul Quran, Urdu Section, Farwaniya, will be held from Jan 31. Arabic language and Islamic studies will be taught. For details contact the Principal, Darul Quran, behind Holiday Inn Hotel, Farwaniya. Tel: 4730335.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama FEB 3: IAC, 4pm: N.G.O.A. will present a Konkani drama Ekuch Kazar, directed by M. Boyer. Also taking part are Betty Naz, Sabina, Rosario Dias and others. Kuwait Players Auditions FEB 2: 4.30 to 6 pm, Universal American School, Salwa; and Feb 5, 7 pm at Messilah Beach Hotel: Kuwait Players auditions will hold two of their coming productions. (1): The Great Celestial Cow, a comedy with music, about an Indian family adapting to their new life in England; directed by Mike Consden (2) When Did You

Shatadal Cultural Group

SOME Bangladeshis in Kuwait have formed a new organisation called the Shatadal Cultural Group to promote Bangladeshi art, culture and literature. The office bearers of the group are Khondaker Abdul Hannan (president); Md. Nurul Haque and Md. Abdur Rahman (vice presidents) and M. Jamal Haider (general secretary).

Last See Your Trousers? a British farce, directed by Mike Johnston. Indians particularly welcome for the first production. For details ring Malcolm Walker — 562411 ext. 716.

MUSIC

Dhanak FEB 3: The music groups Funkada and Saaz aur Awaz will present a musical evening entitled "Dhanak" at the SAS Tent, featuring a number of local singers and musicians. For details contact Anwar — Tel: 398-5456; Zulfiqar — Tel: 4814733.

EXHIBITIONS

Children's Books of the Year '88 FEB 4-16: An exhibition of British books for children, written by award winning writers and illustrators, will be held at the British Council, Mansouriya. The programme is as follows: FEB 4: Opening by Dr Rasha Al Sabah, Vice Rector for community Affairs, Kuwait University; Dr Elizabeth Al Kaoud will give a lecture on "From Tols to Teens. A survey of British Literature for Chil-

dren". FILMS: Feb 8 (6 pm): Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day (cartoon); Feb 14 (6 pm): The Amazing Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (cartoons).

STORYTELLING SESSION: A professional storyteller Ms Merry Ewing will conduct the sessions. Feb 9: 15 (9.40 — 10.30 am) a session for children — aged seven to 10; (11-12 noon) stories for children aged three to six.

All are welcome. Free admission. But it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

SOCIAL

Yesudas Show postponed The Yesudas Musical Show has been postponed due to the singer's illness, according to a news release issued by the Embassy of India. The show scheduled for Jan 26/27 at the Granada theatre will now be held on Feb 9/10 at the same venue, it said. Daniella FEB 3: Daniella celebrates "Fastelavn" at Gazelle Club from 1 pm. For reservations call Karen-Marie — 3715146; Inglise — 3713670.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus Youm Mur Youm Helu (Arabic) Starring: Faten Hamama; Mohammed Muneer Al Salamiya Closed Al Hamra Delta Force Commando Starring: Fred Williamson Drive-in Al Jawazah Dimishq Lazim Tatum (Arabic) Starring: Hussein Fahmi, Basi Al Firdous Aatish (Hindi) Starring: Jeetendra, Neetu Singh Fahadhel Open-Air Pyar Mohabbat (Hindi)

Al Fahadhel Adhokkam (Malayalam) Al Jahra Lionman Granada Count of Monte Cristo Selaibkhat Al Sharida (Arabic) Al Jeeb Mission Terminates Ahmadi Drive-in Space Ball

PRAYERS

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Maghreb	5.22
Isha	6.42

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

DO what you feel in your heart to be right — for you'll be criticised anyway — Eleanor Roosevelt, US lecturer and writer (1884-1962).

Czech Communist Party confused

By Patricia Koza

PRAGUE, (UPI): The overwhelming force used by Czechoslovak authorities during a week of protests reflects weakness and confusion in the highest ranks of the Communist Party.

Members of Charter 77 and other human rights groups knew they would hit a nerve when they commemorated the suicide 20 years ago of Jan Palach to protest the 1968 Soviet-led invasion that crushed the country's fragile "Prague Spring" liberalization under party leader Alexander Dubcek.

But even activists accustomed to one of the most repressive regimes in the East bloc were dismayed by the brute force used by police last week. Hundreds were detained and scores injured in attacks on peaceful protesters and onlookers in central Wenceslas Square.

Just in case anybody might have thought the government would back down after making its point, police Tuesday rounded up witnesses around the country to testify against the demonstrators.

Trials

New political trials would cause a deterioration in relations with Western countries. Czechoslovakia has one of the worst human rights records in the East bloc and has been barred from receiving new US credits until the record improves.

Prominent activist Jiri Dienstbier said the party leaders "have gone out of their minds."

The problem is more than 20 years old.

The aging party leadership that helped restore "order" to the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, after Czech Communist Party leader Alexander Dubcek was ousted in 1968, is still in charge at a time when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is borrowing ideas from Dubcek's old portfolio. Little wonder they're feeling schizophrenic.

Despite their attempts to sound like reformers, the leaders are still stuck politically in the stone age of Stalinism.

Historically in communist societies, police forces gain influence in the power vacuum created under weak, vacillating

leaderships as is the case now in Czechoslovakia.

Police actions have increased considerably since mid-1988 — a terrible year for the leadership because of many embarrassing anniversaries connected with Dubcek's 1968 "Prague Spring" and with the founding of a short-lived independent nation in 1918 that Hitler ended.

The government response to the demonstrations has been inconsistent and confused, ranging from extreme brutality to not interfering at all to even permitting a demonstration in the last month.

The regime is not getting any sympathy or support for its tactics from its less restricted neighbours, Poland and Hungary, where small rallies commemorating Palach's death were allowed.

Poland showed the Czechoslovak protests nightly on television, perhaps to tell its own disgruntled population: "Things may be bad here, but look what's happening elsewhere."

Support

The Czechoslovak ambassador to Poland, Josef Havlin, met at his request with the Polish leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, presumably to seek support and complain about the coverage.

After Jan Fojtik, the Czechoslovak Communist Party propaganda chief, met his Hungarian counterpart Janusz Berecz in Bratislava last week, Berecz said there was a "difference of views" between the two countries about how to handle such protests.

The list of charges against the protesters is ludicrous, even by East bloc standards.

One Charter spokesman is expected to be criminally charged for laying a single flower at the spot under the statue of St. Wenceslas where Palach set himself afire.

When police raided the house of a priest accused of fomenting the protests, they confiscated a typewriter, some tapes and 11 pencils.

Pencils?

Such are the absurdities in the homeland of Franz Kafka, the novelist whose nightmarish, surrealistic world finds reality here

A man of realism and conciliation

Bush sets the tone and aims of his presidency

PRESIDENT George Bush has presented himself as a man of realism not inspiration, conciliation not confrontation, restraint not hyperbole, noblesse oblige not vengefulness, modesty and a gentle sense of humour. He is not as laid-back as Ronald Reagan used to be, but he is comfortable with himself.

He does not exude Reagan's optimism or romantic flair, but the reality, as exemplified by the Pilgrims, that everything in life is hard work. Nor has he Reagan's flamboyance or the daring of the unexpected.

He would not have launched as romantic and science-fiction type a proposal as the Strategic Defence Initiative — the idea of a protective umbrella in space against missiles — or bombed Colonel Khaddafi's headquarters in Libya or come close to accepting the idea of a nuclear-free world that Mikhail Gorbachev presented to President Reagan at the Reykjavik summit meeting, designed to weaken the deterrent powers of the West. Moderation, predictability, realism, caution and continuity of policy will be the hallmarks of the Bush administration.

Diplomacy

One of Bush's closest advisers told me last week that the new president considers the future relationship with the Soviet Union as the touchstone of his administration and that history will judge him by the way he deals with Moscow. He does not believe in personal diplomacy as did President Reagan.

He considers Gorbachev much more a creature of Russian history and the Communist system and that both transcend his personality. It makes him think in longer terms about the Soviet-American relationship, well beyond Gorbachev.

He and his advisers are well aware that they are facing the difficult task of striking the right balance between "keeping our alliances and friendships around the world strong," as he put it in his inaugural address, and, at the same time, pursuing what he called "the new closeness" with the Soviet Union. Both are now in flux and will become even more so if the two superpowers substantially reduce their defence budgets. Senator Sam

Nunn, the powerful chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said last week that Gorbachev's rhetoric and actions will lead to more cuts of military budgets in Europe, stiffen resistance to the modernisation of weapons based in Europe and feed the opposition to paying the price for reinforcing the conventional forces to bolster the deterrent as arms control agreements reduce the power of the nuclear deterrent.

Difficult

Senator Sam Nunn also pointed out that under those circumstances it will be much more difficult for the United States to keep the current number of troops in Europe. The need for defence budget cuts, reductions in the framework of arms control agreements and a restructuring of the forces will become the incentive for major troop withdrawals from Europe. It will shift a good deal of the responsibility for the defence of Europe to the Europeans.

However Bush is almost more concerned about keeping the NATO alliance strong than about improving the Soviet-American alliance. He will therefore take his time reviewing the alliance force structure and consult with the allies how best to proceed without weakening the security of the West.

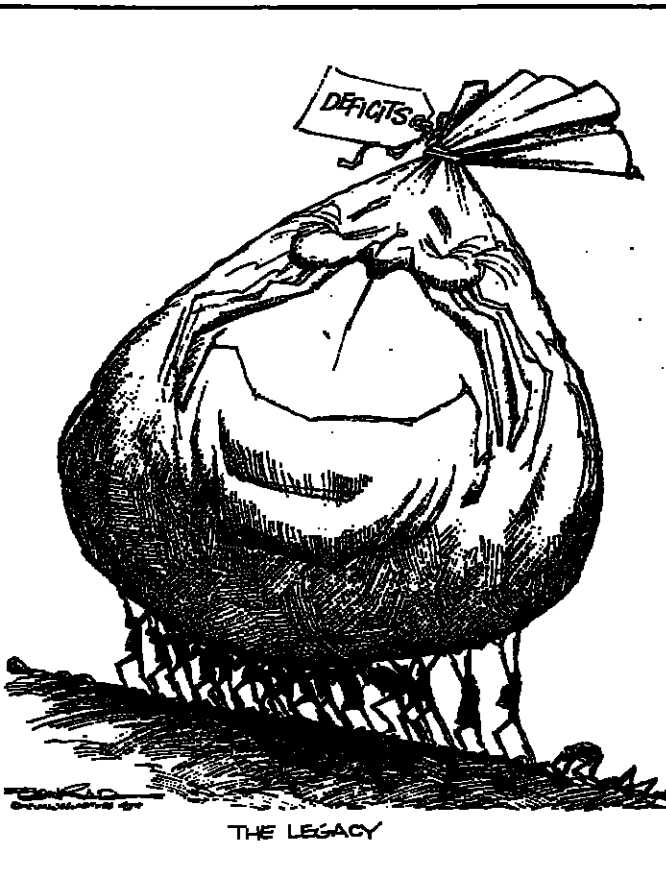
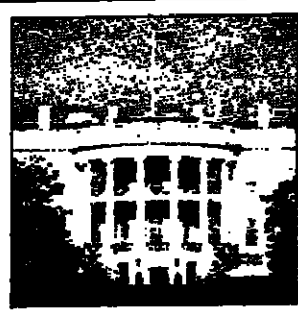
Vulnerable

Senator Sam Nunn complains bitterly about "the neat total confusion of the last eight years" in the build-up of the American forces under Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger. One of the most controversial decisions the new president will have to take is whether to put the Minuteman missiles on railroad cars to make them mobile and less vulnerable or switch to the one-warhead Midgetman, which would be costlier, but make the American deterrent more invulnerable.

As the technologies improve sitting missiles become increasingly vulnerable. The key to their survivability is mobility. Mystery and secrecy surrounded the Stealth bomber (B-2) for a long time, but, according to Nunn, doubts have now arisen whether this new weapon can effectively fulfil the mission it has been

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



designed for. He therefore recommends slowing down its production schedule — which would save a great deal of money too.

General Brent Scowcroft, the new presidential National Security adviser, holds grave reservations about the practicability of a Strategic Space defence (SDI). Senator Nunn, too, has his doubts. One can expect therefore that spending for SDI will be limited to

research and experimentation and that development will be curtailed. Scowcroft makes the point, and it is a very good one, that the Bush administration must, above all, decide on a strategic concept and then shape the defence programme accordingly. It will be one of his tasks to see that this is done. In this context, he also believes, the United States has to develop a concept for the kind of Europe it wants to see in the medium-range

future.

In his inaugural address Bush dealt with domestic problems at great length. He listed the most urgent problems the nation must come to grips with: drugs, crime, homelessness, AIDS, the elderly, AIDS, but he seemed to place responsibility for financing of programmes to deal with these problems more on private than official sources. It left Americans puzzled, because however appealing his rhetoric, it carried little conviction. And by insisting that he would resist new taxes, he left members of Congress puzzled about how he would deal with the huge budget deficit.

They concluded, almost unanimously, that his honeymoon, despite the many bows and bouquets he threw to them, would be very short-lived. The impression is growing, especially after the unsatisfactory testimony by the Director of the Budget, Richard Darman, that he expects the deficit to resolve itself gradually without the need to summon any drastic remedies. There will be few takers for such passivity.

The President spent very little time in his inaugural on the foreign policy problems he will be facing. But his aides say that they assume that sooner rather than later, as have most presidents, he will find, however reluctantly, that domestic problems are more intractable than foreign ones and that more visible results can be garnered in the field of foreign affairs. Bush is unlikely to be an exception.

One problem that will need a fairly prompt answer is Yasser Arafat's application for a visa to enter the United States in order to address an American-Arab conference. American-Jewish organisations are opposing the granting of the visa, the "new breeze" blowing in this administration however favours broadening contacts with Arafat to get a better gauge on what ideas he holds to advance the peace process.

By threatening a moderate mayor in the West Bank with assassination, should he continue to advocate a 12 months ceasefire in the stone-wall, Arafat gave Bush an excuse to refuse the visa. Arab spokesmen have

expressed doubts about the accuracy of the translation of the threat on tape the Americans have in their possession, but few people here have any doubt about the authenticity and accuracy of the Americans' claim.

However, even if the visa is "turned down, there is little doubt that the Bush administration will pursue more even-handed policies toward the Arab world than its predecessor. There is a feeling that time is running out and that the new situation, created by Arafat, should at least be tested to determine his own power, influence and sincerity.

Plaudits

So far President Bush and his wife Barbara have hardly put a foot wrong. They have won bipartisan plaudits and the news media, which had so little faith in Bush's presidential abilities are now going to the other extreme — at least for the time being — of showering him with favourable comments. His emphasis on values, morality, on attention to the poor, the homeless, on education and health have had a great appeal to the average American and created a contrast to Reagan's superficial interest in those issues. Washington has changed overnight.

The superficiality, flippancy, materialism of the Reagan years are out of the window, a new seriousness, civility, old-fashioned decency and integrity have taken their place. Reagan, though, remains a hard act to follow.

Popularity

His popularity stood at 68 point when he took off for his home in California, not even Eisenhower was that popular when he left office.

For the Reagans life will not be as lavish as it used to be, but with a pension of \$135,000 — relocation expenses of \$1.2 million, an allowance of \$300,000 to \$400,000 for staff, and commanding what will probably be the highest lecture fees, they should be able to manage comfortably. He will continue to have secret service protection at the estimated annual cost of about \$7 million to 12 million. He will continue to have his chauffeur — driven limousines, only the hedge-hopping helicopters will be missing.

Academic freedom stirs faintly in Afghanistan

By Maureen Johnson

KABUL, (AP): As the Soviet Army heads home, a faint wind of change is stirring at Kabul University, cradle of the Afghan intelligentsia whose Marxist revolution this impoverished Muslim country bloodily rejected.

Last fall, the science and agriculture faculties of the university voted to scrap courses in Marxist-style ideology, which have been compulsory for the 7,000 students since the 1978 revolution.

Hardline members of the governing pro-Soviet People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan still hold key academic positions at the university, which numbers President Najib and dozens of his political associates among graduates.

Lecturers

But for the first time since the revolution, deans who are not party members — five out of 13, according to the new engineering dean — were appointed last fall.

And the faculty of engineering, sponsored by the United States for 20 years before Soviet troops arrived in Afghanistan in 1979, is to reopen in March at the end of the current winter vacation.

The armed forces have never accepted they should be tried for defeating Marxist guerrillas and this factor sparked three Army revolts against the government of President Raul Alfonsín between April 1987 and last December.

Tense relations between the government and the armed forces, especially the Army, have been rooted in this factor.

Monday's events constitute a political triumph of a sort for the Army, shaken in recent years by internal rifts.

The revolts led by Lieutenant Colonel Aldo Rico and Seineldin not only brought to light the Army's objections to the rights trials, but also the deep scars and divisions in the 1982 Falklands war against Britain.

"Five years of divisions in the Army ended here. We will all be united to fight the terrorists," said the military source, who asked to remain anonymous.

The appearance of the guerrilla group also dealt a blow to the government's intelligence service, which not only did not foresee the operation but it also did not know how, when and where the attackers were trained.

In a building housing the faculty, the laboratories are stripped of most equipment and the textbooks are more than a decade out of date. The most talented lecturers have long since gone into exile.

Two holes remain in the plaster of the entrance where revolutionaries ripped down a plaque stating that the faculty was a gift from the United States.

For five years until 1963, the faculty had academic links with the University of Wyoming, and then sponsored jointly by 11 US universities and technology institutes through an aid agency.

Rebellion

"Because the Soviet presence was so strong here, they (the Afghan government) wanted to pretend to them that anything that was not Soviet-related was bad," said Aita Mohammad Nazar, 45, the newly appointed dean of the faculty.

Nazar has a masters degree and doctorate in civil engineering from Colorado State University and earns 9,000 afghanis a month, the equivalent of about \$230 at the official exchange rate.

Huddled over a single heater in a chilly office, Nazar talks about faint hopes that US universities will resume support of the faculty even though Najib remains shakily in power as the Soviets depart.

Questions about how much democracy the new political system allows

By Mark J. Porubcansky

MOSCOW, (AP): A Russian Orthodox church leader is nominated in a country where believers long have been repressed. Leading reformers are not chosen to carry out major reforms. A faithful worker starts a protest hunger strike.

This is the bewildering world of Soviet election campaigning, one third of the way into the race for this spring's multi-candidate elections.

Nominations

The campaign has raised questions about how much democracy there is in the new political system. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is trying to implement, and mirrors many of the complex processes going on in his country.

"I believe a more democratic mechanism of nominating candidates is needed," said Nobel peace prize winner Andrei Sakharov. Rejected as a candidate from the Academy of Sciences, he was found himself in the mid-

dle of one of the biggest disputes rising from a system Gorbachev reforms as a centre-piece of reform.

Sakharov and thousands of others have been nominated at meetings of the Communist Party, trade unions, professional organisations and residents of geographical areas for seats in the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies.

The Congress was promoted by Gorbachev and approved by the current parliament, the Supreme Soviet, in early December. Meeting annually, it will choose the Soviet president and the membership of a new, smaller and more active Supreme Soviet.

Promoting the new system, Gorbachev said in December that political reforms are essential for his overall programme.

"It is only by combining economic reform with political changes, democratisation and glasnost, that we can fulfil both the immediate and long-term tasks

we have set ourselves," he said. Stronger local and national legislatures are essential, Gorbachev said.

One third of the deputies are being chosen not on the basis of the traditional geographic districts, but from the party, unions, professional organisations and other officially recognised groups. Issues directly affecting those attending nominating meetings have affected the outcome.

Clergy

The law specifically allows clergy to seek legislative seats, and the Tass news agency said Metropolitan Alexei, whose Russian orthodox diocese includes Leningrad and Estonia, had been nominated by workers of an agricultural complex because of his concern with ecological issues.

There are promises of reform, but Soviet churches still are under Stalin-era laws that require them to be officially reg-

istered and prevent them from organising religious education or charity.

The Central Council of Trade Unions refused to endorse reformist economist Tatyana Zaslavskaya because of her call for price increases to right the Soviet economy, the Communist Party paper Pravda said on Sunday. It did endorse its chairman, Stepan Shalaev, who called for more vacation time.

Choices

But others besides Sakharov question whether the system is democratic, and its complexity is causing a scramble for nominations in a country where voting has been little more than the ritual of electing a slate approved by authorities.

Candidates may not espouse any views contrary to the constitution, which enshrines the Communist Party as the leading and guiding force of Soviet society.

Seaga faces tough battle for third term

By Robert Glass

KINGSTON, Jamaica, (AP) — While taking credit for Jamaica's recovery from Hurricane Gilbert and its close relations with the United States, Prime Minister Edward Seaga faces an uphill battle for an unprecedented third consecutive term.

Opinion polls for the past two years have shown the conservative Seaga trailing 13 points behind his longstanding socialist rival, former Prime Minister Michael Manley. Seaga's aides say the Caribbean nation's striking recovery from the century's worst storm has not yet improved his chances.

Ending months of speculation, Seaga told a nationally televised rally on Sunday night that general elections would be held on Feb. 9.

Addressing thousands of cheering supporters at Kingston's South Parade Traffic Quadrangle, Seaga rallied against the policies of the 1970s Manley government.

Seaga said that during eight years in power, his centre-right Jamaican Labour Party had brought political stability, reversed economic decline and restored relations with the United States.

"In these hands," Seaga said, "Your future is safe."

It will be Jamaica's first national election since 1980, when more than 700 people were killed in politically related attacks during a nine-month campaign.

In August, Seaga and Manley signed a "peace treaty" and

agreed on a code of conduct for orderly campaigning.

Manley's leftist People's National Party boycotted the 1983 elections in a dispute over voter registration, leaving the Jamaican Labour Party with all 60 seats in parliament.

Manley, a charismatic politician with a strong following among the young, has been calling for elections ever since.

Business leaders had urged a short campaign to minimize the risk of disruptions at the height of the tourist season. Seaga said the campaign was the shortest allowed under Jamaican law.

The \$600-million-a-year tourist industry, the nation's biggest foreign-exchange earner, has bounced back from Hurricane Gilbert, which struck on Sept. 12, causing 45 deaths and about \$1 billion in damage.

Visitor arrivals, which were down 42.7 per cent in November, hit 1 million by December and are now down just 1.6 per cent from last year, according to government figures.

On other fronts, electricity and water have been restored, roads have been cleared and thousands of houses and buildings have been rebuilt or repaired. Although work continues, Jamaica shows little sign of the devastation.

In his speech, Seaga claimed credit for "putting Jamaica back

on its feet," boasting he raised \$600 million in relief funds from the United States, Western governments and lending institutions within one month of the hurricane.

"It was possible because the international community trusts the government of Jamaica," he said.

Referring to Manley's People's National Party, Seaga added: "Every night when we kneel down to pray, we should thank almighty God that it was not the PNP in power when Gilbert came."

Seaga's standing in opinion polls improved slightly just after the hurricane. But respected pollster Carl Stone of the University of the West Indies said bickering over alleged inequities and delays in relief distribution offset any gains.

The US-born and Harvard-educated Seaga, 58, is seen as US closest ally in the Caribbean. He was the first foreign leader to visit the White House after Reagan took office in 1981, and supported the US invasion of Grenada in 1983.

Manley, 64, educated at the London School of Economics, was prime minister from 1972 to 1980, a period marked by sharp economic decline. During his term, Manley took over several state industries and embraced Cuba, slaming the United States and foreign investors.

commission.

A group of several hundred people at Sakharov's institute unanimously complained the Academy's electoral commission was formed only from high-ranking members who then selected others of similar rank. That left out Sakharov and other proponents of reform such as space scientist Rold Sagdeev.

Renominations

The complexity of the electoral process allowed Sakharov's supporters to renominate him from a geographical district instead, and they said more nominations were expected to increase his chances of being on the final ballot either from a legislative district or organisation.

Elsewhere the complex structure allowed reformist writers Ales Adamovich and Yegor Yakovlev to be nominated by the Filmmakers' Union rather than the Writers' Union which is split by bitter differences between liberals and conservatives.

Jill Ireland proves that mastectomy need not end an active, glamorous life

Battling to take the fear out of breast cancer

When movie star Charles Bronson's actress wife Jill Ireland contracted cancer, she wrote the book *Life Wish* about the illness, the operation and the aftermath. She gave up her career to lecture and give interviews to encourage women to face up to the disease. Now she faces the battle second time around.

By George Katz

GUTSY Jill Ireland is tackling cancer for the second time. And, backed by a million well-wishers around the world, she is determined to conquer the killer disease.

Jill, the beautiful blonde wife of Charles Bronson, won the first round of the fight. She had to have a breast removed, but she pulled through with the assistance of family and friends.

She graphically detailed her illness, her operation and its aftermath in her book *Life Wish*, published last year. By then she had come to terms with the disease. A combination of mastectomy, chemotherapy and positive thinking convinced her that the cancer had been banished from her body for good.

Happily counting her blessings, she set off around the world promoting her book, and on TV her glowing good looks demonstrated better than any words how cancer could be beaten and how a mastectomy need not be the end of an active, glamorous life.

Since writing the book Jill, now 52, had another cancer scare, pneumonia and extensive tests for a brain tumour. She was given the all clear and has carried on with what she now sees as her mission in life — giving lectures and interviews to persuade

women to have regular check-ups and not be afraid of the disease.

Then recently she strained her shoulder while doing her daily exercise routine. Doctors examined her and found a tumour pressing on a group of nerves above the collarbone and infecting her lymph nodes. The cancer was back.

Jill immediately made an announcement detailing the doctor's diagnosis and explaining: "Cancer is not something to hide. It has to be brought out into the open and fought."

"It doesn't help to keep it to yourself. My doctors say this new cancer is not spreading, so I will have some more radiation treatment then get on with my life."

Levellor

This time Jill has in her corner millions of well-wishers who have never met her but have been inspired by her courage and cheerfulness in her worldwide campaign to take the fear out of the disease.

Until four years ago Jill was envied as the woman who had everything — a multi-millionaire movie star husband, six children (three hers, two his), fabulous homes in Malibu and Beverly Hills and a ranch in Vermont. She used to take her children on location with Bronson around the world and sometimes co-starred with him.

Then in 1984 Jill went for a medical check-up and the doctor found a lump in her right breast. Tests were made and, yes she had the dreaded disease.

Says Jill: "Cancer is a great leveller. It doesn't matter who you are or what you've got when you are sitting on that table in a hospital gown waiting for the verdict."

The verdict in Jill's case was a malignant growth. An immediate mastectomy was performed. After that came the anxious months wondering if all traces of the cancer had been removed or whether it was spreading to other parts of her body. Jill began writing her book two weeks after the operation.

Through the months of chemotherapy that followed, Jill refused to give in to self-pity. At one stage she was almost completely bald, with a large burned patch on the top of her head. She didn't mind going around like that, though her husband eventually stopped her because he said he didn't want people to remember her like that.

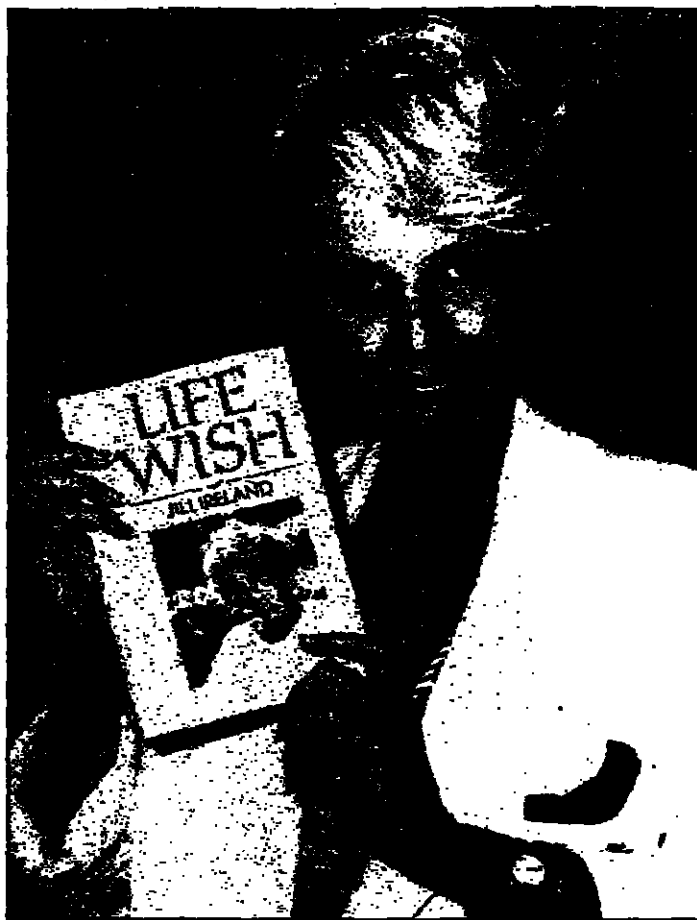
She took to wearing large hats, and still laughs at the time when one hat blew off in the street, revealing her crewcut head and bringing astonished stares from passers-by.

Though thoroughly English in character, Jill writes and speaks with an American openness about her emotional and physical experiences.

Doubt

The most fascinating aspect of her book was how she was able to express, with great frankness, what it felt like for an attractive actress married to a superstar to lose a breast, then all her hair. "Great birds' nests of hair all over the shower floor," was how she described it in her book.

There is no doubt her recovery was greatly helped by the attitude of Charles Bronson, now 66, who



Jill Ireland holds up her book *Life Wish* in which she writes of her illness and how she came to terms with it.

made it plain immediately after the operation that the loss of a breast had made no difference to his feelings for her. Within 10 days of Jill's operation, they were making love as passionately as ever.

"Losing a breast has not worried me for a moment as far as my looks are concerned," says Jill. "I feel as sexually attractive as I ever did. Anyway, you don't have to be beautiful to have a good sex life. Sex is more in the mind than in the body. What is needed is plenty of imagination and a real desire to be giving to your partner."

In her book, Jill says she has found herself trying to remember what it was like to have two breasts. "I felt sad, sorry for my breast," she wrote. "I missed it and found myself wondering where it was and what they had done with it. I would like to have buried it. I mourned it like the loss of an old friend."

Turned down

On her tours, Jill found many women felt ashamed when they had a breast removed and worried about how their partners would react.

Says Jill: "Having a mastectomy is nothing to be ashamed about. You have to accept that you haven't done anything wrong. You've been ill. It doesn't make you any less attractive as a person, and to a man who really loves you it makes no difference at all."

Jill has even turned down suggestions that she should have her right breast back again. Doctors recommended a reconstruction

Kiwi fruit: rich in vitamin C

By Carl Jerome

IT was considered delicacy by the court of the great Khans. Named by a southern California woman after a small island country in the Southern Hemisphere, it is now a popular fruit that would be perfect in a gelatin mold, if it didn't contain an enzyme that prevented gelatin from setting.

A brown furry centre surrounds its emerald green center and it is ripe when soft enough to spring back just slightly from your fingertips when squeezed.

It's the kiwifruit. One of the first in a long line of fruits once thought to be "exotic," the kiwi was introduced into the United States by West Coast produce dealer, and godmother of that industry Freda Caplan.

Twenty years after its introduction here, kiwis are as common in American markets as tomatoes, and are sold by the individual piece or, more recently, in 1-pound bags.

Beautiful

With its fuzzy, funny brown skin, its vibrant emerald flesh, sweet flavour with a slight tartness in its finish, and jet black poppy seed like speckled interior, kiwi is one of the most beautiful of the exotic fruits. More beautiful, I sometimes think, than useful.

It is astonishing that a fruit which has so few uses could have become so popular. Although you can split a kiwi in half around its midriff and eat it with a grapefruit spoon, it is

really not much of a plain eating fruit. It doesn't cook well, though for a decade "nouvelle" chefs tried unsuccessfully to make it into fish or dessert sauces. Under the right hands, it almost works as the latter.

The kiwi's greatest gastronomic asset is its ability to sit around — in salads, or on top of cakes and pies and that, it seems to me, is what kiwifruit do best of all. There is, however, one great way to cook a kiwi, and that is as a sherbet, or sorbet, a recipe for which follows.

Good accent

To me, breakfast is the best time to serve kiwis. They are a delicious source of vitamin C early in the morning, served plain, peeled and sliced, sometimes tossed with some sliced bananas and a few fresh berries for colour. I have also made breakfast salads by mixing bar shaped pieces of kiwifruit with similarly shaped pieces of fresh pineapple, all accented by a fresh raspberries or some very finely chopped glazed or candied ginger.

Diced kiwis also make a good accent to small green salads with four or five dark, bitter greens. Flavour the salad with a little rosemary, fresh coriander or cilantro, or possibly one of the lighter flavoured fresh mints. This is obviously a late lunch or dinner salad, though it could be served at a heavy brunch.

Kiwis grow on vines, not trees or bushes, and are harvested by hand. The pickers, or

harvesters, are required to wear white gloves when picking the berries to prevent damage to the fruit's delicate skin.

Because of their high vitamin C content, one Food Authority recently suggested to a friend sick with a cold that the friend take two kiwis and go to bed. If not better than a glass of orange juice, at least as good.

Here is a simple, delicious kiwi sherbet, or sorbet, with a pale green colour flecked and textured with the poppy seed-like seeds of the fruit. Serve it in half-cup portions with a slice or two of kiwi on the plate as a visual cue to the flavour, which may seem mysteriously subtle at first.

Kiwi sherbet

(Makes 7-8 cups.)

1 1/4 cups sugar

3/4 cup water

2 egg whites

2 tbsp sugar

3 pounds (18 kiwis) kiwifruit, peeled

juice of 1 lime

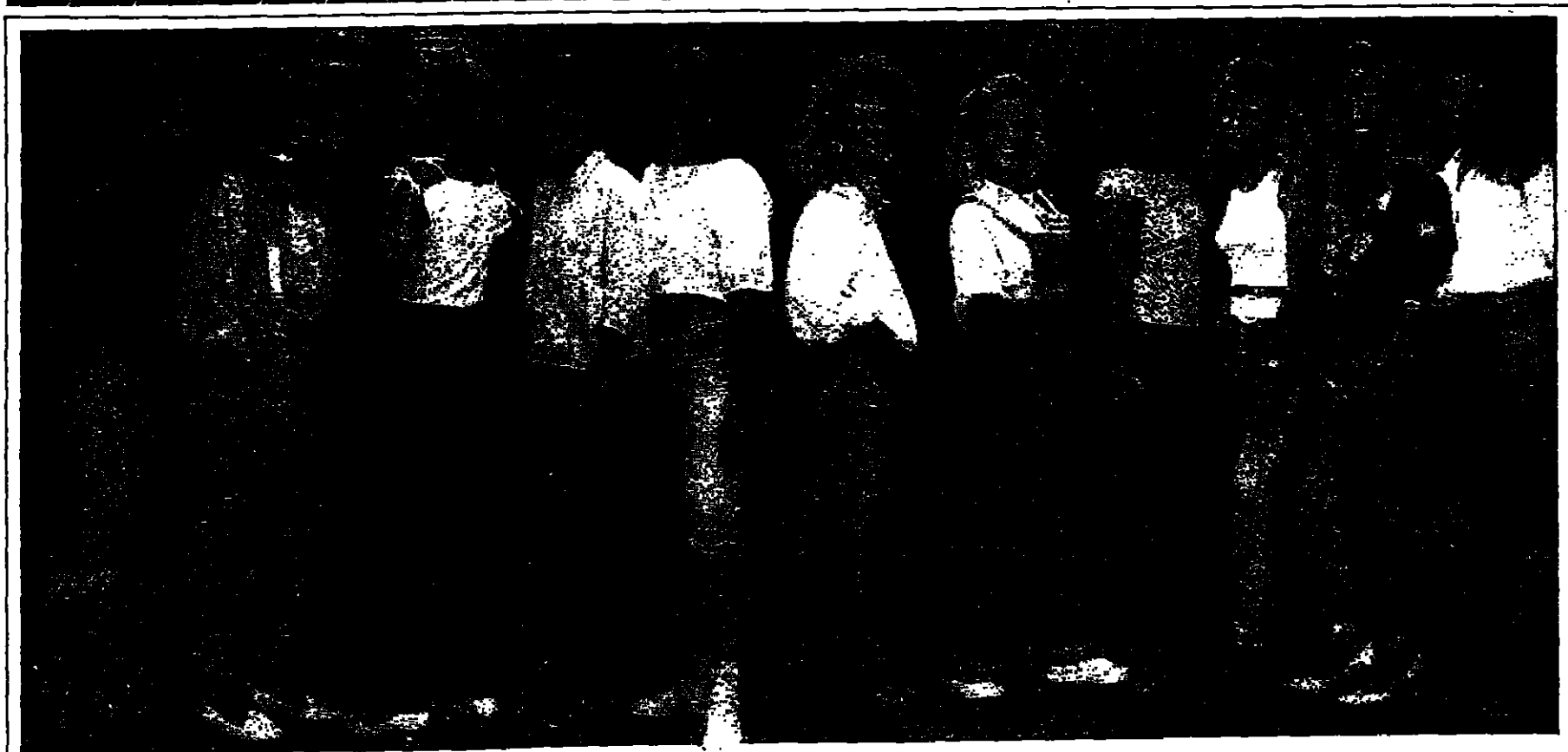
Method

Combine the sugar and water in a saucepan and boil for 5 minutes. Chill until cold. Beat the egg whites until foamy, then gradually add the sugar and beat to form a shiny meringue that just holds its peak when the beater is lifted up.

Puree kiwis in a food processor until smooth. Combine the cold syrup, meringue, and puree and fold together until just blended. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's directions. Cover airtight and store in the freezer until needed.



Ireland (left) with husband Charles Bronson.



By Catherine O'Brien

JEANS the social leveller are back in vogue. In the early 1980s when the world was in the depths of a recession, they took a back seat as people decided it was important to look successful and smart.

"Jeans did not give that image. They said your were relaxed and laid back so people stopped buying them."

"Now in the new society, jeans are back as a different statement. The fact that you wear a tatty pair with a hole in the knee says that you are so casual and self-confident, you look like a complete tramp."

Jean Driscoll, of Jeanswear

Jeans: what they say about you

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Baggy

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Embroidered

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Comboy style

You're an outgoing, adventurous, explorer type. But although you pretend to be tough to the big, bad world outside, you are really nothing but a big old sofie inside.

Holey

Laid back and open-minded as the hole at your knee. Not one to rock the boat, you would rather just let things be and enjoy

the simple things in life.

Designer

You use your jeans as an extension of your name-dropping nature. Always anxious to be seen as part of the 'in' crowd, you take great care not to go against the social grain.

Dungarees

You're a Peter Pan figure who wants to stay young and carefree forever. You like to be pampered, but have a wonderful sense of humour.

Dark denim

Denotes the sexiest and most uninhibited jeans wearer of them all. You are also intelligent and

highly innovative, with an unusual sense of style that's your very own.

Skin-tight

You love flaunting your beautiful body and relish the attention it gets you. A flirt, yes, but promiscuous, no. You know when to call it a day.

Heavy metal

Aggressive and sometimes stubborn, you always like to dominate others and get your own way. Studs and a collection of chains are your personal symbols of rebellion.

Snow washed

You are as meticulous about your life as you are about your appearance. Compulsive and never satisfied, you work very hard to be a success.

By Kate Holman

I REMEMBER her words well: "We have a very labour-intensive way of bringing up our children." They were spoken by an old schoolfriend of mine, although at the time I didn't quite understand what they meant.

The friend was something of a high-flyer: a university academic and child psychologist who had chosen to bear a daughter and son of her own in her mid-twenties.

At the time I regarded the relationship between childrearing and a woman with any aspirations to a career or identity of her own as roughly akin to a millstone around a drowning man's neck.

Avoided

Children were something to be fervently avoided, using all the assistance offered by modern medicine. The idea of acquiring them was anathema.

From an early age her children turned out to be sociable, rational and mature. When I commented, agreeably surprised, on this phenomenon, her explanation was as above.

Years later when I finally took the decision to become a parent myself, I remembered her words as a sort of guiding principle. I took it to mean that having chosen to have children, one then played an active, perhaps exhausting, role in their development.

Children or career: a woman's dilemma

reconcile imposing the labour of rearing my child on another individual — bound to be a woman — with that initial principle.

This does not imply a condemnation of parents who choose childminders or nannies, or any slur on the competence of these workers. What it means to me is that parents who rely on such services have also had to make choices — often forced on them by circumstances — and that each decision involves a compromise, affecting either parents or child.

Demanding

My partner's job is a demanding one, involving a good deal of travelling. He does it and enjoys it in the knowledge that he is also missing being with his daughter.

Gone, for the foreseeable future, are my days of attending open-ended meetings several evenings a week; of night shifts or of being available for work at a

few hours' notice. But others do maintain this lifestyle in order to pursue demanding careers. Will rewarding and responsible jobs ever be generally available part-time or with a comfortably reduced working week?

As long as there are people — as there always will be — prepared to make a 24-hour commitment to their careers, I seriously doubt it.

For me, labour-intensive childrearing means spending a good deal of time with my daughter. I, or my partner, put her to bed. We get her up in the morning. We stay with her when she's sick. The days when she is with me are largely organised around her entertainment. This activity brings joy and satisfaction; but it also leaves a feeling of unfulfilment in other directions.

Obviously, comprehensive, flexible childcare provision would do a great deal to ease the problem.



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A new role model for America

First Lady who is glad to be a granny

By Anthea Hall

ONE of the lesser-known facts about Barbara Bush, wife of the President of the United States, is that she was born within a year of Marilyn Monroe.

But, whereas the divine Marilyn was immortalised at 36, hugging herself (as she often did) in a thick-knit cardigan on an ocean shore, Barbara pressed on and is now distinguished-looking woman of 63.

It is, of course, outrageous that the First Lady of the United States should have to field questions about why she doesn't dye her hair, do something about her wrinkles, and generally ape the ageing cutie-pie style of Nancy Reagan.

In fact, the timing of Barbara Bush's arrival at the White House is perfect. In a country with the longest life-expectancy in the world, where worship of youth is equalled only by terror of death, Barbara has arrived just in time to save the nation's ageing womanhood from the curse of Joan Collins.

Challenge

Collins threw out the alarming challenge that you, too, should be able to make the centre-page spread in Playboy as you approach 60, but Barbara has demonstrated that this is unnecessary — at least for getting to the White House.

The Bushes are very definitely in the Social Register and Barbara Bush has no reason to pretend, as she has tactfully in interviews that she would like to be more like spindly Nancy Reagan, with her big head, little sloping shoulders and Hollywood-style face-lifts.

With the possible exception of Jackie Kennedy, the White House has not had genuinely upper-class tenants since the Roosevelts — and nobody ever asked Eleanor Roosevelt why she didn't try to look more glamorous. (When they complained about the dreary White House food and her stingy hospitality, she replied: "People don't come here to eat. They come here to see us.")

But Barbara Bush is not plain, dowdy Eleanor Roosevelt. Photos of the Bushes' society wedding show Barbara as a



Barbara Bush: the face may be lined, but she is fit and glorious

glorious-looking young woman, with vivid black hair and a raving smile.

Her hair turned white for the saddest reason in the world: their second child, a girl called Robin, died of leukaemia at the age of three.

And, over the years, because Barbara has lived an outdoor life without protecting her skin from intense sun, she has now the deeply lined skin you would not find on someone of her age in Europe. Compare her, for example, with Gina Lollobrigida, now approaching 61.

Lined, maybe, but Barbara looks good: fit and glorious, in fact compared with, say, the face of her contemporary, Jeanne Moreau — rotten teeth, unsuitably long curly hair and sagging, bare flesh in an off-the-shoulder dress.

We might consider Lena Horne, 71, and cover-girl of the latest edition of America's magazine for "the woman who wasn't born yesterday." Lear's (named after the publisher, not the demented, ageing king) was launched tentatively as a bi-monthly last spring — the first magazine aimed at the older woman as a "glamour, non-dowdy market." Triumphant, it goes monthly from its next issue. But is a pensioner-vamp a suitable role-model for Mrs All-American?

Wit

We may enjoy the wit of Woody Allen ("I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it through not dying") in "CHILL OUT" (i.e. be cool, laid-back). PARE OUT AND LIVE TO BE 150," but do we really need "SEX

IN OUR TIME" and the accompanying account of Lillian Hellman's "outrageous" flirtatiousness at a dinner just before her death?

From Lear's we learn that blind and accompanied by a nurse, with her voice hoarse from emphysema, she put her hand on the man's wrist as she was about to be taken home and whispered seductively, "Call me in the morning." Lear's is sharp-edged (viz "the woman who wasn't born yesterday.") but doesn't old-age deserve more thoughtful styling?

Civilisation trembles as America prepares to tackle old-age as a national public relations exercise. There is no time to be lost: the post-war baby boom is now entering middle-age — unless, of course, middle-age has been put back another decade — and retired models are returning to work as older women take a renewed interest in clothes.

Elderly

Marketing the elderly has begun. In the land where the over-100s is the age-group with the fastest growth rate, they now have the "young-elderly," as distinct (you've guessed) from the "old-elderly," with the dividing-line put sometimes at 75, sometimes a decade later, not yet, thank God, based on a "physical," but according to the type of research.

Barbara Bush says her post is full of letters from white-haired ladies, somewhat overweight ladies, cheering her on. She has already sent herself up, with her new "designer clothes," on a television broadcast. Barbara, with all the confidence of a Brahmin, her triumphal acquaintance with grief, her long-term (not merely post-White House) involvement with cancer research, the problems of illiteracy, and her work with paraplegic and cancer patients (she once said: "I clean their fingernails, I read their letters. It's a terrible thing to say, I know, but I am good at that") is a role-model Central Casting could not have bettered.

An America, tired of Sue-Ellen and Krystle, looks forward to the prime of Miss Ellie, grandchildren in the White House, and a First Lady who is glad to be a granny.

The glamorous side of glasnost

By Catherine O'Brien

AFTER glasnost comes glamor in the delectable form of Miss Moscow Mariya Kalinina. She's a beauty queen with a mission — to bring the image of Russian women in from the cold.

Already the world has been delighted by President Gorbachev's glamorous wife Raisa, part of his policy of glasnost, or openness.

Now 17-year-old Mariya — Macha to her friends — is set to dismiss forever the West's idea that all Soviet women are dour, fat and frumpy.

Macha, 5ft 7in and with a 36-23-35 figure, is the bombshell of the bolshheviks. She became the first queen to be crowned in Russia since the revolution, beating 2,700 hopefuls to the title.

First

It was the country's first beauty competition, but few people realised what an international stir it would create.

With the full thrust of the Soviet Union's other new policy of reconstruction — perestroika — behind her, Macha is on the road to fame and fortune.

"Everybody says I am a symbol of perestroika and I think it is wonderful," she says.

She is full of praise for Gorbachev and his wife.

"He is a very energetic and wise man. But Raisa is the one who really changed the world's view of Russian women. She shattered the idea that they were all fat and grim-faced."

Macha's other favourite heroine is Princess Diana. "I think she is wonderful. I keep every Press cutting and picture of her," she says pulling out a French magazine which placed Macha and Di among the 40 most popular women of 1988.

"I was so taken aback by this," she says. "It is amazing I am being placed in the same category as her. She is such a beautiful and charming person. I would do anything to meet her."



From Russia with style: Miss Moscow, Mariya Kalinina

Since becoming Miss Moscow, her life has been an exciting whirl of photo calls, modelling assignments and foreign trips. A doctor's daughter, she had a relatively privileged upbringing. But without her title, the expensive clothes and cosmetics which maintain her glamorous image would have been out of Macha's reach.

In Paris, designer Madame Carven showered her with lovely gowns. And she invited Macha back to model at a fashion show this month.

As guest of honour at the Miss France contest, Macha also met singer Sacha Distel. He was so bowled over by her, he suggested they record a song together.

Struck

But all of Paris was struck by Macha. "People stopped me in the streets," she says. "I was more famous there than in Moscow."

The only trip Macha has turned down is the Mediterranean cruise that was part of her prize.



17-year-old Mariya was crowned queen in the USSR's first beauty competition. Now she is all set to dismiss the West's idea that all Soviet women are dour, fat and frumpy.

"People tried to say that it was because I couldn't get an exit visa, but that wasn't the case," she says. "The contest organisers wanted me to go with a boyfriend."

"I wanted to take my mother, they wouldn't let me, so I didn't go."

Boyfriends are currently low on Macha's list of priorities.

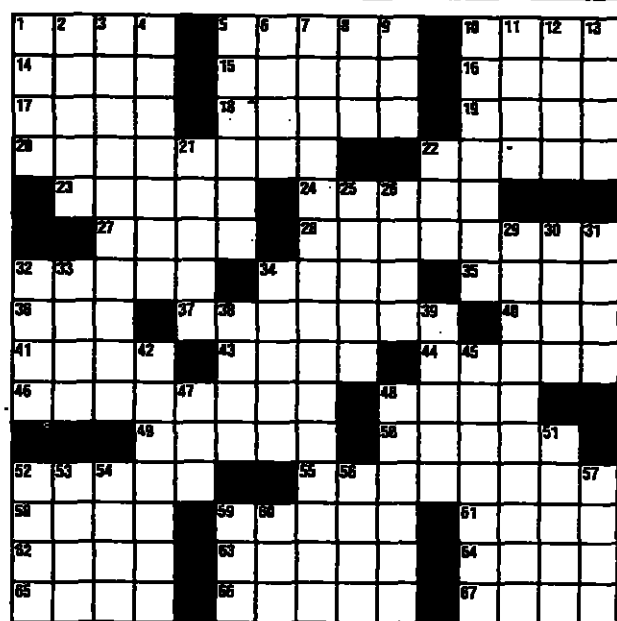
"It is my career that is important," she says. She would like to become an actress and when she is older, study law.

Macha attends a modelling school in Moscow where she also learns history and gymnastics.

In the evenings, she studies English to prepare her for the future.

Perhaps even for that meeting with the Princess of Wales.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Lobster traps
 - 2 Tree yielding sweet sap
 - 10 Do some nagging
 - 14 Dull pain
 - 15 City on the Allegheny
 - 16 Butter sub
 - 17 Brit. carbine
 - 18 Cast a ballot
 - 19 Words for Nanette
 - 20 Fifth columnist, perhaps
 - 22 Take the helm
 - 23 More desperate
 - 24 Ancient district of Asia Minor
 - 27 Channels
 - 28 Actor Tone
 - 32 Old hat
 - 34 Vitae
 - 35 Ocean motion
 - 36 — Wednesday
 - 37 "Queen of the Jungle" and namesakes
 - 40 — whiz!
 - 41 13 popes
 - 43 Conductor Akira —
 - 44 "Yankee Doodle" man
 - 46 A — life and death
 - 48 Be all — (attentive)
 - 49 Former capital of Japan
 - 50 Pigtail
 - 52 Michael Caine role
 - 55 Storytellers
 - 58 Sentry's command
 - 59 Tend
 - 61 Dies —
 - 62 Let forth
- DOWN**
- 3 Cleveland
 - 4 Brown QB
 - 5 Cousin of a baluga
 - 6 Shea players
 - 68 Basketball
 - 69 Former D.C. team
 - 70 DOWN
 - 1 Annie Oakley
 - 2 Group of eight
 - 3 1942 Bogart film
 - 4 Ladies of Spain
 - 5 Shakers' companions
 - 6 Baseball brothers' name
 - 7 1936 Bogart film, with "The"
 - 8 New Guinea seaport
 - 9 Finish
 - 10 — lens
 - 11 Lotion
 - 12 Director Clair
 - 13 — Richard's Almanac
 - 21 Spots for berets
 - 22 Evil
 - 25 University of
 - 26 Space acronym
 - 29 1941 Bogart film
 - 30 Ancient theaters
 - 31 Youngster
 - 32 Anagram for lamp
 - 33 Perplexed
 - 34 — afraid of life. Wm. James
 - 38 Medal winner
 - 39 La —, Milano
 - 42 One of the Leewards
 - 45 W.J. Bryan specialty
 - 47 Stare at
 - 48 Weeping, in Paris
 - 51 Pamphlet
 - 52 Attention getter
 - 53 Gold cloth
 - 54 Move swiftly
 - 56 Catchall abhor.
 - 57 Red and White, e.g.
 - 59 Enjoy a winter sport
 - 60 Goddess of the dawn

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

CHIEF SNEAR IRAN
LASH PADRE NORA
ASTA EPICS DOOM
STONES THE ESSE
PECKS ADOPTED
STE SNARE
TINGLING ENTRY
AMOI KNEEL DATA
CARVE TELEMETER
INTER MOIR
STINGER SCAMP
MING ARA STELAE
EGAD SUPRA DINT
LENA EPSOM ANNE
TIRIE STETS YEAR

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
SOME PEOPLE HATE TO BE 'ROBBED'

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH

4 4
J 10 3 2
A Q J 9
K Q 10 8

WEST

A Q J 9 8 6 2 K 10 7 5 3
7 4
6 4
5 2

EAST

A K
7 5 2
6 4 3

SOUTH

Void
Q 9 8 6 5
K 10 8 3
A J 9 7

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
3	4	5	6
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

Preemptive opening bids are like finely tempered sabers. Wielded properly, they can sow great havoc among the enemy, slashing lines of communication and laying waste to any attempt at a constructive auction.

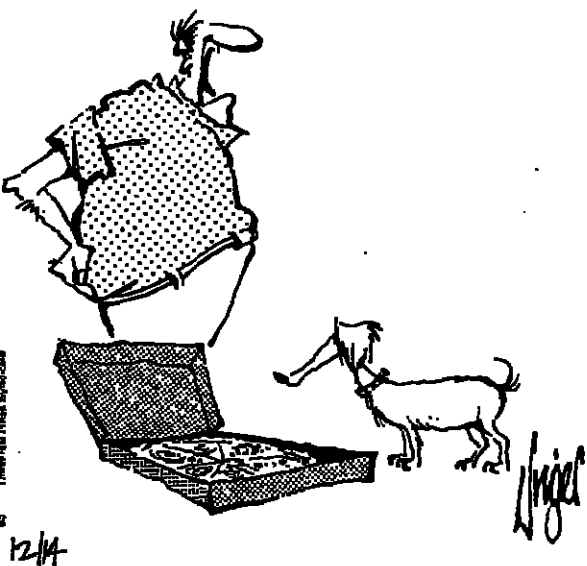
To reap the most benefit from this weapon, it is essential that the partnership has strict guidelines about what constitutes an opening preempt. The one key essential is that it denies much defensive strength outside the bid suit. If you do not have such a stricture, the partner of the preemptive bidder is

never sure whether or not to sacrifice, lest he is taking a phantom suit. But when he knows exactly what to expect from partner, he can judge the situation precisely and pose hopeless problems for the opponents.

This hand cropped up in a major pair championship some years ago. East was reasonably sure that his partner would not have any defensive tricks outside of his suit. And he knew that his partner would have at least a seven-card suit. It was thus child's play to work out that, against any contract of the opposition, his side could score only two tricks—the ace-king of hearts. Also, he knew that if his side bought the contract at spades, they could expect to score at least nine tricks—seven spades and two hearts.

He came up with a finely-judged bid—he raised his partner's preempt to five spades! Not surprisingly South, who had a good hand with a void in spades, thought that one of the opponents was trying to pick his pocket. He elected to bid six hearts, a contract that did not prove to be a great success.

Note that had South chosen to double, his side would have collected only 500 against the 650 they could have scored for collecting 11 tricks at a heart game. Thus, East-West were going to get a good result regardless of what course of action South took.



"Dino doesn't like pizza."

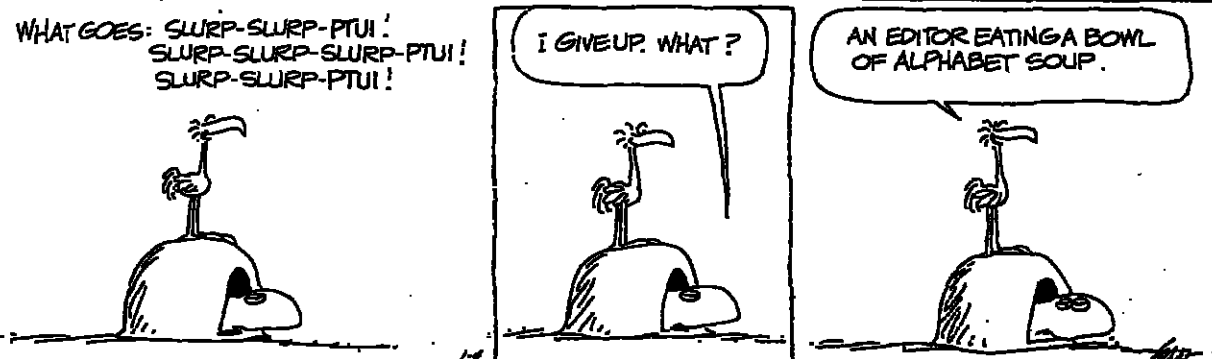
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parrish and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to show your bright side. You should not delay dealing with an unusual problem. Having made up your mind stick to it. Be courteous.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Mercury's positive influence will help you to produce better results. You should make sure you do not do anything that might injure your health. There is no reason for pessimism but none for excessive optimism either. Be moderate.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not forget about a small routine that will have to be performed sooner or later. You should try to avoid the company of someone you do not care for. Do not allow your emotions to get out of hand. Be tactful.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have an rather uncertain start but later on you will regain your old self-assurance. Do not linger too long in any one place. You should avoid doing anything to upset the harmony with your partner. Be fair.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be in a better mood and others will be more kindly inclined towards you. You should make sure you do not take any bends too fast. You will be able to do something more constructive. Be conscientious.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Mercury's better influence will help you to avoid a pitfall. Venus' better influence will also help you to stay out of trouble. You should try not to get bogged down in detail. Be considerate.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

You will receive an offer or proposal which should be considered very carefully. The situation is a little confused but you will be able to steer your way through it.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

With the Moon's less favourable influence you will be more inclined to act on supposition. You should give equal consideration to the alternatives available to you. Avoid drinking more than you now you should. Be hopeful.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will meet someone very much to your liking but do not be too quick about taking him into your confidence. You should try to take your mind off work and to relax. You will be able to expand your cultural interests too.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Venus' better influence will help you to deal with a family problem. Before you undertake repairs you must make sure you know what you are doing. Dress correctly for the weather and occasion. Be resilient.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You will not be in the best of moods and must do your best not to lose your temper. Now is a good time to take stock of your situation and you should do so. Avoid relying too much on others. Be discreet.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Mercury's better influence will help you to become aware of certain mistakes. You should make sure you do not do anything to upset a personal relationship. Avoid doing anything to create confusion. Be consistent.

Marcos is dying, says lawyer

NEW YORK: Deposed Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos is dying and would be unable to face the rigors of a trial on conspiracy and corruption charges, his lawyer Richard Hibe said last week.

"We have been advised by the last doctor who examined President Marcos that he is dying," said Hibe in a letter to Judge John F. Keenan.

Hibe asked the court to hold a hearing on the matter and said that if it agreed with the doctor's assessment, then the prosecution should not proceed with the corruption and other charges against Marcos.

For the first time, prosecutors believed Marcos was too ill to travel to New York for the trial although they said the ousted president's pneumonia was reversible and non-chronic.

Premature Assistant US Attorney Charles Labella told Federal Judge John F. Keenan it was premature to determine if Marcos was unable to stand trial. No trial date has been set.

Still, Labella conceded that it would be four to six weeks before Marcos could travel.

He dropped his previous demand that Marcos must come to New York for arraignment and requested that "Mr Marcos

be arraigned as promptly as possible in Hawaii."

In Honolulu, Philippine Consul-General Tomas Gomez was unsympathetic to the Marcos plea.

"What kind of tactic will Marcos come up with now that the prosecution has agreed to his demand to be arraigned in Honolulu?" he asked.

"If Dr Hibe wants to score a point, why doesn't he let his patient die first, and then they can decide what to do with the carcass?"

Marcos, 71, has been hospitalized in Honolulu, suffering from pneumonia and bronchial asthma.

The Marcoses are accused of diverting \$103 million from the Philippine Treasury, funneling it to foreign bank accounts and using it to by prime New York real estate and art works.

Now that the government has agreed informally to an arraignment in Honolulu, the question remains whether Marcos can be arraigned or tried at all.

"You're saying he can never be arraigned anywhere because he's not competent medically to stand trial?" Keenan asked Hibe.

"That's correct," Hibe replied.

"What began as merely a

request to hold Mr Marcos' arraignment in Honolulu rather than New York has evolved into a genuine concern for his life," Hibe wrote the judge in the three-page letter, that included an abbreviated doctor's report.

In the letter, Hibe maintained that Marcos "is in mortal danger" because of his "rapidly deteriorating physical condition."

Marcos and his wife, Imelda, 59, have been living in Honolulu since fleeing Manila in February 1986.

From the time of his indictment in October, Marcos has asked that the arraignment be moved to Hawaii, citing various health problems, including kidney and heart ailments. A government doctor, however, had pronounced him capable of travelling to New York for arraignment.

Imelda Marcos came to New

York in late October for arraignment and was released on \$5-million bond put up by tobacco heiress Doris Duke, a friend, after pleading innocent to the charges.

The main racketeering charge against the couple carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence upon conviction.

Marcos spokesman Gemmo Trinidad refused to say much until he knew more about the court proceedings. "Obviously, we're happy that the federal court has recognized how sick the president really is," he said.

Labella said other defendants might seek to go to trial sooner than Marcos is able — prompting the government to conduct more than one trial.

Spokesman for the Honolulu hospital where Marcos is recovering from pneumonia refused to be drawn into the debate on the political exile's health. They said he is in guarded condition but in good spirits.

War of tabloids in Zamboanga

ZAMBOANGA CITY: A fierce competition among community newspapers has erupted in this southern metropolis, which also doubles as the regional center of the autonomous government of western Mindanao.

The media war, seen as a good sign for countrywide journalism, emerged after the number of tabloids increased from the original two — the Zamboanga Times and the Morning Times to at least nine after the February 16 revolution.

At least one or two more periodicals are scheduled to come out soon, making Zamboanga the city with the most community papers.

The seven new newspapers are El Pueblo, Zamboanga Star, Zamboanga Tribune, Zamboanga Express, Mindanao Today, People's Review and Zamboanga Bulletin.

The Zamboanga Times, considered one of the oldest tabloids in the country, was founded and edited by Efrén Peña in 1945. Armando Lopez, an owner of radio station and printing press, was its publisher. Today the newspaper, now called the New Zamboanga Times, is edited by Manila Bulletin/Tempo correspondent Vicente P. Arevalo, who has transformed the old weekly into a four-issue-a-week newspaper. Its format and editorial content have improved.

Antonio Ma. Nieva, Alberto Alfaro and Rommel Corro cut their journalistic eyeteeth on the Zamboanga Times.

The Morning Times comes out six times a week except Monday, using the advanced AST desktop publishing computer and offset machine. It is edited by Rene R. Fernandez, considered one of the best community journalists in the South, and published by Gines P. Guanzon.

El Pueblo, the only Philippine Newspaper, tabloid or broadsheet with a Spanish masthead, considers itself "the first and only daily" in western Mindanao. It proclaims itself as "el periodico del publico" (the newspaper of the public), apparently in an attempt to attract the Chabacano-speaking residents

of the city. Barely about two months old, the computer typeset-printed daily is fast becoming a popular newspaper in town and other major parts of the region, where it has expanded its circulation.

El Pueblo's strength, notes a City Hall official, lies in its staff, most of whom it pirated from other tabloids. Its board of editors consists of Gerry A. Acuna, Ric Adjawie, Vic M. Alvarez, Mike S. Apostol, Virgie Mustafa and Rodrigo G. Roy, who write informative and entertaining columns. With Roy E. Ramos as its night editor, El Pueblo has businessman Hasan G. Alam as its owner-publisher.

The Zamboanga Star, published by David "Noel" Erasga and edited by Immanuel "Bob" Jaldon, is also making headway in Zamboanga's community journalism. It comes out five times weekly.

The Zamboanga Tribune, a weekly, is owned and edited by Romy Enriquez, former regional director of the defunct National Media Production Centre.

Also published once a week are the Zamboanga Bulletin, Mindanao Today, Zamboanga Express and People's Review.

Muslim leader does not want to return

MANILA, Jan 28, (Reuters): Philippine Muslim separatist leader Nur Misuari, living in self-imposed exile, has rejected a proposal that he return home, saying no bullet-proof vest could save him from assassination.

"There is no safe conduct or bullet-proof (vest) that can protect me there," the chairman of the separatist Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) said in an interview on the private Manila radio station DXKL.

A group of Philippine congressmen had suggested that President Corazon Aquino give Misuari a safe conduct pass to go to Manila to discuss a pending bill calling for limited autonomy for the country's seven million-strong Muslim minority.

Trip to enhance 'co-operative relations'

Manglapus will visit Saudi Arabia

THE Foreign Secretary of the Philippines, Raul Manglapus, is to visit Saudi Arabia next month.

In a policy speech recently, Manglapus touched on the Philippines' relations with the Middle East and Gulf states where over half a million Filipino workers are employed. Here are some extracts from his speech.

"The Middle East is the spiritual home of Islam and it is to acquaint the leaders and people of that region with these demonstrable truths about the conditions of Islam in the Philippines that I intend to visit Saudi Arabia next month."

"In that region the texture of our relations is grained with the labours of half a million Filipino workers who contribute their skills to the development of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states and remit \$800 million annually to their native land."

"Our consulate-general in Jeddah alone collects \$3 million annually in consular fees, the equivalent of the income of all our ten consular office in the United States."

"The Middle East has become the most lucrative route for the Philippine Air Lines. We intend to propose the opening of diplomatic mission in Oman, Qatar and Bahrain."

"Like the East Asian character for 'crisis' which combines 'opportunity' with 'danger', the concentrated contact or our people with the Middle Eastern and North African populations, provides countless occasions for amity as well as for misunderstanding."

Reassure "Our visit will be designed to reassure, on the one hand, the host governments and populations, and the other, our working expatriate nationals, of the profound concern of our government for the enhancement of co-operative relations and the quick resolution of occasional disputes."

"In the Middle East, faithful to our commitment to self-determination for all nations, we uphold the right of Palestinians to their homeland and prosper within internationally-recognized and secure boundaries."

BAKIT PARANG PINAG-DUDUDAHAN AKONG MAGNANAKAW?



Aquino guards in P600,000 hold-up

By D. Veridiano

A MEMBER of the Presidential Security Group was arrested along with two other military men and three civilians for their alleged involvement in the notorious robbery-hold-up gang that pulled off a P600,000 robbery in Quezon City last month, said PC authorities.

The suspects were arrested by Criminal Investigation Service (CIS) agents after one of the gang members earlier arrested linked them to the robbery.

Maj. Gen. Ramon E. Montano, Constabulary chief, identified the suspects as Rolando Garcia, a PC sergeant assigned with the PSG; C2C Joehus Lumbak of the Capital Regional Command (CAPCOM); AIC Rolando Iloglos of the Air Force; and the civilians — Restituto Tiburcio, Patrick San Juan and Dante Honorica.

Two other soldiers linked to the group are still being hunted. They were identified as Sgt Jun Ilayan of Cavite provincial PC command and Sgt Al Perez of the Air Force.

Aquino battles to stop graft

By Jonah Doctura

PRESIDENT Corazon Aquino's veto of major provisions in the General Appropriations bill in Congress might incur the ire of "grafters" in government cloth and may even surprise those close to the powers that be.

The president is bent on curbing if not totally stopping graft and corruption in the government and her message in a special congressional session on the national outlay will contain "stern warnings" to economic saboteurs masquerading as government men.

"We will redouble efforts in reducing graft and corruption by closely monitoring all department heads," the President has been quoted recently in reaction to the raging issue of graft in her government which has caused embarrassment for her and partly blamed for the hampered flow of foreign investments into the country.

Asian investors ranked the Philippines third most graft-ridden government in the whole of Asia. They are now closely watching government internal policies regarding the blight.

Administration sources said that the President is expected to win the battle with Congress over the 1989 budget because of the moral authority underscored by her message.

Meanwhile, the government was reportedly "shaken to the ground" by the recent issue of Political and Economic Risk consultancy Ltd. (P & E) when it gave the Philippines below-average marks.

Government sources said that if foreign investors take the study seriously, it can turn off direct foreign investments to other countries.

The study covered economic and political risks investors face in the country as it warned them of the extent of corruption in the Philippines, an issue largely unattended by the country's economic and political leaders.

The study further noted the relatively low pay of government employees which forces them to accept under-the-table payments.

The British Hong Kong firm, which closely monitors investments risk in Asian countries, further warned that the Philippines may slip back to the old Marcos habits of running the government should the political leaders fail to arrest the tide of graft and corruption.

Kris Aquino in car accident



Kris Aquino: injured

KRIS AQUINO, the President's youngest daughter, was discharged from the Makati Medical Centre last week after being cleared of brain injuries from a car accident.

Kris was rushed to the hospital with a neck injury after the backup vehicle, occupied by her security guards rammed from behind the car she was riding.

Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno told newsmen the 16-year-old Kris was on her way to the Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City, where she studies, when the accident occurred.

Benigno described Kris' injury as slight, and said she was back in school.

But an Associated Press dispatch quoted an unnamed Palace official as saying Kris' injury was bad enough to require a neck brace.

Benigno said the scan showed negative results of brain injury, and that Kris even attended school yesterday to take her exams in Theology.

Illegal press uncovered

POLICE and military agents uncovered the other day the alleged illegal printing press office being used by the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) in printing subversive newspapers and other materials.

Police and military intelligence agents said that the printing press office is in Pasay City. They added that the printing press is financed by prominent politicians and businessmen sympathetic to the communists.

Printed by the office were major communist propaganda materials such as *Ang Bayan*, the official organ of the (CPP), *Ang Partisano*, the official newspaper of the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB), the CPP's No. 1 death squad; *Liberation*, official organ of the National Democratic Front (NDF), and the *Talibang Bayan*, the CPP weekly tabloid.

Some propaganda materials distributed by the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU), and other organizations during rallies and demonstrations were also printed there, probers added.

Intelligence reports added that some restaurants are used as fronts of the printing press office.

Filipino singers do well abroad

CEBU CITY (ANFI): A good number of Filipino entertainers are doing well in major Asian cities, notably Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and Bangkok. They are proving to all and sundry that Filipinos don't only make good domestic helpers but also fine musicians, singers and dancers.

In Singapore, where only the best groups survive the stiff competition in the entertainment business, at least eight Filipino singing groups are creating waves among fastidious Singaporeans.

At the five-star Mandarin Singapore alone, three music groups from the Philippines entertain guests nightly. D'Starlights from Manila perform at the plush The Neptune of the Mandarin.

The group's top quality showmanship drew applause after applause from the various nationalities in the audience.

The Larry Mathias Flash Band, also from Manila, is a mainstay at Mandarin's famous discotheque known as The Kasbah. The band is a nine-person group — seven men, two women.

Also at the Mandarin nightly is Manila's Mirage Band whose performance venue is Act One where Singapore's own The Snapshot's share audience attention.

At the Tropicana along Singapore's busy Scotts Road the top attraction is a show band from Zamboanga City. It was at the Tropicana, incidentally where two Cebu-based bands made a name for themselves.

Two years ago, Cebu's Firelights band made waves in this prestigious nightclub and after the Firelights came the Break Even band, also from Cebu. The Firelights are staying put momentarily in their home ground where they are currently rated tops.

KAPILKU calendar for '89

KAPILKU, the association of Filipinos in Kuwait, have announced their forthcoming projects and activities for 1989. According to Homer Messina, vice-president, media and external affairs the activities are as follows:

- Jan 27 Membership Campaign (All year round)
- Feb 10 Tree Planting (in co-operation with Philippine embassy) and assistance from KAPILKU
- Feb 17 Bayanihan to be held at the Church Hall every last Friday of the month (to meet new friends, plus parlor games, raffle contest and guest singers)
- Feb 24 Masquerade Ball
- Feb 25 Kuwait National Day — Philippine Cultural Show for KAPILKU Dance Troupe
- Feb 28 Cleanliness drive (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
- Mar 3 KAPILKU Night at Holiday Inn Hotel (Singing contest)
- Mar 17 Hair Science Class — "Suklay at Gunting sa Kaunlaran" (Free to all KAPILKU members)
- Mar 24 Baking class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
- Mar 31 Cooking class (Asian dishes — Free to all KAPILKU members)
- Apr 7 Pre-school (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
- Apr 14 Tailoring class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
- Apr 21 Cooking class (European dishes — Free to all KAPILKU members)
- Apr 28 Araw ng mga bata (Children's Day)
- May 5 Miss Little Philippines (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
- May 13 Palarong Filipino sa Mini-Olympics: Bisig ng manggagawa '89" to be held at Holiday Inn and Keifan Gymnasium. The following sports will be contested: basketball, bowling, volleyball, swimming, track and field events, badminton, lawn tennis, table tennis, darts, chess and dama.
- May 19 Cooking class (Arabic dishes — Free to all KAPILKU members)
- May 26 Dress making class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
- June 12 Philippines Independence Day (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
- June 23 Hatid Saya '89 (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
- July 1-31 Photography contest
- Aug 11 Basic computer class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
- Sept 22 Philippine Community Day
- Sept 29 Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait '89 — (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
- Oct 20 Book-keeping class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
- Nov 24 Selection of Ten Most Outstanding Filipinos in Kuwait (Makabayan Award — in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
- Dec 15 Songfest '89
- Dec 22 Distribution of Christmas gifts to all needy Filipinos.

Late-bloomer Pinky is a winner

By Jackie Regala

SHE is a "Jenny-come-lately" alright, but Pinky Marquez' natural talent, lookiness and perseverance did not keep her in the showbiz closet.

To date, she has become a familiar figure to all types of audiences — from tele-viewers to movie-goers to concert enthusiasts.

Pinky had been closely identified as one of the major attractions of the showband band, Music Making Company managed by Gary Lising. Currently too, Lising serves as Pinky's manager.

Prior to Music Making Co., Pinky first joined the singing group called the Ambivalent Crowd where she sang with the likes of Ryan Cayabyab, Pol Enriquez, Mae Cendana and Cynthia Patag. But when the band left for Australia, Pinky opted to stay behind and instead, finished her BS Community Nutrition course in UP. She then worked for a while as guest relations officer of Hotel Intercontinental Manila.

Managed But the lure of singing cannot be evaded; thus Pinky found herself auditioning for the Four Play Band which was managed by Butch Dans of APO Hiking Society. From Four Play Band, Pinky joined Music Making Co. and when her solo career started to pick up so quickly and her schedule started to become hectic



Pinky Marquez: a natural comedienne

tic, Pinky asked the permission of Gary Lising to quit the band.

"I didn't expect things to turn out so nicely for me. For me, I'm quite a late-bloomer. I'm starting with a solo career just now when everyone else is already there. But its OK, I'm not in a hurry though. I want to take things slowly but surely," Pinky told us over dinner at Cafe Adriatico in Makati.

Pinky is the fifth child among a family of nine. She practically grew up in a very "happy, fun" family where most of her sisters together with mom Nena and dad Bert are always ready to say a

joke or two. "I remember I was the most quiet in our family. Compared to them, I was the shy and reserved type. Now they can't believe that I am in showbiz and a comedienne. Although I really love to sing, they know that it was just my inclination but nobody ever dared thought that someday I'll be on stage. I guess I got my being real funny from my mom who used to be the livewire of our family and all the functions she attends. Now she would usually tell her friends that she's just the mother of Pinky Marquez," Pinky said.

Mestiza

Perhaps it's Pinky's Cebuana accent which makes her a natural comedienne and it's her pretty, mestiza features that makes her attractive to most of her followers. Although she does not want to be typecasted as just a comedienne, Pinky finds it inevitable to belong in such league of favourite performers.

Proofs to this are the movies she already starred in. These are "Gorio Punasan, the Rebel Driver" with Chiquito; "Code: Black and White" opposite Chiquito, again and Redford White and "The Singing Masters" with Jimmy Morato.

Most recently too, Pinky impressed the critics and the public in her funny and effective portrayal of Hannah in the musical "Kary!" which has its run on Jan 6-10 at the Rizal Theatre.

Hannah was a popular Visayan comedienne during the

vaudeville era and was a best-friend to Katy dela Cruz. "This is my very first stage experience and I'm working with the best people. They actually inspire me to work harder. I'm glad I got a number of very good reviews in playing Hannah."

From "Kary!," Pinky who is happily married to Dr Ed Santos for three years now will go back to her first love which is singing. "I plan to come up with my solo concert this year and go into recording. I can't leave singing because I've always enjoyed it."

Pubhouse

Pinky has also become a regular cast member of the TV sitcom "Pubhouse" where she plays the wife of Joey Marquez. Shuffling time and energy between a peaceful marriage and a hectic showbiz schedule is no problem with Pinky. "My husband is not the prying type although he understands very well the demands of my career. When we met I was already on stage singing with the Music Making Co. In fact, he enjoys watching me perform. There's no problem, it's all a matter of time management." Pinky has one child called Karel who appears with her in the TV commercial of Farlin products.

Surely, this late-bloomer has a lot to show and she believes it's all in the proper timing. And her dream of becoming one of the more respected and stable performers in show business is not far behind. She is a winner in her own rights!

Logic of the illogical makes Filipino films ever so popular

By Nestor U. Torre

"FILIPINO movies are so illogical!" That's the criticism that educated movie-goers frequently raise against our films.

But some scriptwriters counter: "It's the illogic that makes our movies popular." And the massa audience? "Enjoy naman, ah!"

Truth to tell, scriptwriters don't set out to make an illogical script. They know all about the principles of well-motivated scripting that the "intellectuals" uphold.

But they sense that the Filipino film audience likes quirky characters, fantasy, deus ex machina devices, tears and shrieks, illness and accidents, turbulent proceedings but happy endings, and lots and lots of complicated twists and turns in film

plots. How the heck do you give them all that, while holding on to the principles of logical characterization and plotting?

Relevant, too, is the fact that many movie plots are based on komiks serials that run for months and even years on end. A weekly serial needs a "highlight" to end every episode and make the reader want to read the next installment to see how the problem will be resolved.

If a serial runs for only a year, that's already more than 50 "highlights." Right? Pity the poor screenwriter who has to sift through the plethora of plot twists to come up with a respectable film.

If he eliminates too many of the serial's high points, some movie-goers get turned off and think the movie stinks because it hasn't been "faithful" to the

komiks original. Is the average Filipino basically illogical? By no means. It's just that he doesn't expect his movie entertainment to be realistic, since he feels that his reality is so dreary or his problems are so insurmountable that he precisely goes to the movies in order to forget about them. Logic? Hohum. Illogic? Enjoy!

But some movie people note that the audience is becoming more analytical and demanding. Of late, some fantasy films have flopped, and some realistic dramas have clicked at the box office.

If his trend continues, producers can be persuaded to opt for greater realism in their film projects, and many scriptwriters and directors would be delighted at the turn of events. Is it logical to hope that this will happen? It is.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Fresh start agreed in textile trade talks

GENEVA, Jan 28, (Reuters): Major trading nations have agreed to make a fresh start to try to unblock stalled negotiations on freeing the flow of trade in textiles and clothing, a spokeswoman for the GATT world trade body said today.

Participants in two days of informal consultations here, including the United States, European Economic Community, India, South Korea and Hong Kong, decided to scrap a draft negotiating text presented at a mid-term review of the current Uruguay round of free trade talks in Montreal last month, the spokeswoman said.

"They agreed to make a fresh approach to the issue, starting from zero," she added.

Failed
Trade in textiles was one of four areas where government ministers failed to reach agreement at the Montreal review of progress in two years of Uruguay round bargaining under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The others were farm trade, rules to protect intellectual property rights such as patents and copyrights, and recourse to temporary trade restrictions to protect domestic industries.

The document on textiles presented in Montreal reflected divergences between industrialised and Third World countries on how to liberalise trade and bring it under GATT rules.

Consultations
At present textile trade is governed by a multi-fibre arrangement (MFA) that allows advanced countries to limit shipments of textiles from developing nations whose lower wage rates gives them an advantage in sales.

This week's consultations were conducted privately by GATT director-general Arthur Dunkel who has been instructed to try to resolve the four blocked issues by next April.

Irish income tax cut for first time in 20 years

DUBLIN, Jan 28, (Reuters): Finance Minister Albert Reynolds cut Irish income tax on Wednesday for the first time in more than 20 years for one of the most heavily taxed nations in Europe.

In a budget that gave the Irish some cause to cheer after two austere years of belt-tightening, Reynolds cut the basic rate from 35 to 32 per cent. The top rate went down from 58 to 56 per cent.

Prime Minister Charles Haughey's minority government has subjected the Irish to two years of massive state spending cuts in a bid to trim the country's mountainous 25 billion punt (\$38 billion) national debt.

Challenge
"We have emerged from the last two years leaner but fitter for the challenges ahead," Reynolds told a packed parliament at the end of his 90-minute speech.

The income tax cuts offered good news to the Irish. But mortgage tax relief was trimmed and taxes on drink and cigarettes rose slightly.

After hefty pre-budget campaigning by church leaders and community workers, Reynolds also launched a war on want to help the poor in Ireland.

Social welfare payments for the long-term unemployed went up 12 per cent, he took 24,000 people out of the tax net altogether and handed out 20 million punts (\$30 million) in tax allowances to lower income families.

New oil project design system planned

BAGHDAD, Jan 28, (OPECNA): The Iraqi Oil Projects Company will introduce a new system this year for drawing up petroleum project designs, it was announced here yesterday.

The system, using computer facilities, is expected to increase accuracy and speed in the drawing up of designs and accelerate the development of oil projects.

The company, an affiliate of the Ministry of Oil, is currently handling the implementation of oil projects worth \$5.40 billion throughout the country.

The projects include gas processing units, oilfield development, transportation programmes and the second phase of an oil pipeline linking the country's northern and southern oilfields.

Fed boosts value of US investments held by foreigners

Stock market moves into high gear

NEW YORK, Jan 28, (Reuters): The stock market shifted into high gear this week just when it was expected to cool off from the year's hot start, leading some analysts to proclaim a new bull market replacing the one killed by the October 1987 crash.

From the November low, the Dow Jones Industrial average has now risen 300 points, and in a steady rise during January it has advanced more than 150 points.

"We're in the fairly early stages of a new bull market," said Michael Metz of Oppenheimer and Co. "There's still an enormous amount of cash around and a lot of optimism. When everybody is confident and full invested, then maybe you'll see a significant decline. But not now."

Activity
It was the activity this week that convinced some sceptics.

Instead of falling into a widely expected correction from the month's gains, a 100-point rally completed the job of retracing the last of the 508 points lost on

Black Monday October 19. "The hallmark of strong markets is that they don't give ground," said Larry Wachtel of Prudential-Bache Securities. "And part of this market's success has been the unwillingness to give ground."

Buoying the market on Friday was the government's report of a less-than-spectacular two per cent annual growth rate in the gross national product for the fourth quarter.

Response
The market's strong response to weak economic figures echoed the 1982-1987 bull market, which was fuelled by a prolonged period of slow but steady growth and low inflation.

The crash came after the perception grew that those pillars of the rally had been topped, with the dollar tumbling and interest rates rising.

Undermining the dollar were seemingly unmanageable US budget deficit and a widening trade deficit.

Perhaps more than anything, the January rally may be a vote of

confidence in President Bush's ability to deal with the double deficits, and Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan's handling of monetary conditions.

Greenspan, in testimony to Congress on Tuesday, said the inflation rate must be lowered, giving a strong lift to stocks. A more cantankerous market would have focused on another part of Greenspan's remarks, which implied that short-term interest rates, already high, were headed higher. But the Dow Jones Industrial index soared 38 points that day.

Positive
"Greenspan has let them know he's going to continue to fight inflation, and that is positive for the stock market," said strategist Roy Blumberg of Thomson McKinnon Securities.

The stock market may be anticipating that the next move by the Fed will be the easing of short-term credit as inflation is flushed out of the economy, said Oppenheimer's Metz. That

would make stocks increasingly attractive.

"US monetary policy is the tightest in the world, there are not enough dollars relative to the market and the yen," said Peter Canelo, of Bear, Stearns and Co. by enhancing the dollar's value, the Fed is boosting the value of US investments held by foreigners, many of whom have moved into the US market recently.

Dangerous
William Lefevre of Advest Inc. said that what it adds up to is that stocks remain cheap in relation to earnings and interest rates may decline quicker than anyone thinks.

But a number of technical analysts are sounding a cautionary note, saying that the rally has brought the stock market to a dangerous juncture, based on technical factors. Because the Dow average has regained half of its loss from the all-time peak of 2,722.42 set in August 1987, it is at a crucial point.

Harry Laubscher, technical analyst at Tucker Anthony, R.L.

Day, says that it could be in an even more dangerous spot if it keeps climbing and hits the all-time high. That would create a so-called double-top, which is "historically among the most bearish if not the most bearish of patterns."

Marshall Acuff, portfolio strategist at Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co., said: "As time passes pressure to get in the market will increase."

But Canelo of Bear Stearns argues that if the market can continue on an upward course it will turn bears into bulls and keep moving higher just on its own momentum. "The bears are making their last stand here at the half way point," he said.

While Acuff, like others, said pressures could grow on the market if it gains more, his firm has revised its asset allocation formula twice in recent weeks, moving the recommended stock portion up to 60 per cent from 50 per cent in two steps.

"Our message is, 'don't fight the tape,'" Acuff said.

US GNP growth quickens

Interest rates may remain higher to help curb inflation

NEW YORK, Jan 28, (UPI): Economic expansion, stunted by the summer drought, slowed to an annual rate of 2.2 per cent in the final three months of last year but still grew by a robust 3.8 per cent in all of 1988, the government said yesterday.

In its preliminary report on fourth-quarter gross national product, the value of all goods and services, the Commerce Department said the 2 per cent hike in output — the smallest rise since a 1.4 per cent increase in the fourth quarter of 1986 — added \$19.8 billion to the economy.

Expansion
Based on these preliminary figures, GNP from 1987 to 1988 rose from 3.4 per cent to 3.8 per cent — a figure that would have been 0.4 percentage point higher except for the summer drought.

The fourth-quarter expan-

sion, also slowed by a tightening of personal spending and a dip in non-residential fixed income, was slightly below the 2.3 per cent rise that economists had anticipated.

Highs
Meanwhile, a house panel heard testimony from government officials on Thursday that it could cost between \$80 billion and \$105 billion to bail out the nation's ailing savings and loan associations.

The committee hearing came one day after congressional and banking leaders decried a tentative administration proposal to force bank and thrift customers to finance the multi-billion-dollar bailout by paying a tax of up to 30 cents on each \$100 deposited in federally insured institutions.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones

industrial average rose to new post-crash highs last week, flirting with the 2300 mark.

Higher stock prices were evident in the wake of a government report that durable goods orders rose 6.4 per cent in December, far above the 1 per cent hike that analysts had expected.

Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan indicated that interest rates would probably remain higher for a while to help curb inflation, lending confidence to markets that the Fed is in control.

Many companies reported quarterly earnings during the week.

AT & T, the nation's most widely held company, showed red ink for the first time in its 103-year history in 1988 posting a \$1.67 billion loss due to fourth-

quarter \$6.7 billion writedown for antiquated switching equipment and work force reductions.

Futures trading in Chicago, under investigation by the FBI for alleged trading fraud at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade, also came under scrutiny of a special federal grand jury.

The investigation by FBI undercover agents who infiltrated the exchanges as traders centered on some 100 traders and brokers who allegedly cheated customers out of millions of dollars in executing buy and sell orders, sources said.

Meanwhile, embattled securities firm Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. agreed to fire its star executive, Michael Milken, and withhold virtually all of his estimated \$200 million personal earnings for 1988 as part of a

settlement of securities fraud violations.

The company agreed in principle on Dec 21 to pay \$650 million in fines and restitution and plead guilty to the six felony counts to avoid being indicted for racketeering, insider trading, stock manipulation and other alleged violations.

Tuesday, after a month of negotiations between Drexel and the US attorney's office in Manhattan on the specifics of the agreement, the firm signed its final 12-page settlement with the government; but resisted unsealing its details until Wednesday.

In other corporate news, George Ehrhart, the president of financially troubled Smithline Beckman Corp., resigned after differing with Chairman Henry Wendt "over matters of corporate policy."

Iran, Iraq agree on OPEC summit

More action needed on trade imbalances: US official

DAVOS, Switzerland, Jan 28, (Reuters): The United States, Japan and West Germany must all take further steps to reduce their trade imbalances, a senior US official said today.

David Mulford, under-secretary at the US Treasury, said the topic would be high on the agenda of a meeting of the Group of Seven (G-7) finance ministers and central bankers on Feb 3.

"Additional policy measures in both deficit and surplus countries will be needed. The United States recognises for its part that it must continue with the deficit reduction policy."

Mulford was addressing the World Economic Forum, a gathering of about 1,000 top businessmen and politicians held annually in this Alpine ski resort.

Speaking later to journalists, he said the G-7 meeting, to be held in Washington, would be more than just a get-acquainted session for Japan's new finance minister and the recently installed US Treasury Secretary, Nicholas Brady.

But he said the meeting had

not been called because of any sense of crisis or in response to the sudden strength of the dollar since the new year, which has provoked repeated bouts of central bank intervention in the foreign exchange markets.

The group, comprising the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada, would review progress made in co-ordinating economic policy and consider further steps they could take, he said.

"We have to fold in the structural policy moves we discussed at the Toronto summit," he said.

Sustain
That meeting of heads of government of G-7 countries in June called on the United States to cut its budget deficit and Japan and West Germany, which run big trade surpluses, to sustain economic growth by increasing domestic demand, not exports.

Mulford told the meeting that the new Bush administration was committed to reducing the budget deficit, but he declined to give any details of measures planned.

"But I assure you, you will see

the beginning of that process very, very soon," he said.

He told journalists the G-7 would conduct a general review of the world economy and had already decided not to issue a communiqué after the meeting because "we don't want people to get the idea that there is any sort of crisis."

Meanwhile, Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez said Iran and Iraq had agreed to take part at a proposed summit of OPEC heads of state at the end of this year or early in 1990.

"In both countries there is an atmosphere of peace and I believe that this conference could lead to total peace between the two," Perez told a press conference at the World Economic Forum.

Perez, who takes office on Feb 2, said he had spoken to President Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei and President Saddam Hussein during recent visits to Iran and Iraq.

"Both said they will take part ... and both believe this conference is indispensable," he

added.

The last summit of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries was in Algiers in 1975. Plans to hold one in 1980 were scrapped because of the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

Perez said all OPEC heads of state believed that a summit was needed, but the timing had still to be worked out.

"We have not talked to the African countries yet, but perhaps it will be at the end of this year, or early next year, to mark the 30th anniversary of OPEC," he said.

Perez said arrangements for the summit would be discussed when OPEC ministers met informally in Caracas next week in talks on the fringes of his inauguration as president.

Experts from OPEC and non-OPEC producers met in London last week to discuss co-operation on buoying oil prices, which have been under heavy pressure.

Perez unveiled a new strategy for Third World debt and won some praise for the idea but drew scepticism from the United States.

Mubarak invites other countries to join Arab economic group

CAIRO, Jan 28, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak invited other countries yesterday to join a new four-nation economic bloc now under study with Jordan, Iraq and North Yemen.

"I would like to point out that this joint market is not a bloc against any other Arab country or any other bloc," Mubarak said after two hours of talks with Jordan's King Hussein.

"It is merely a joint bloc for economic co-operation and any other country is welcome to join us," he told reporters.

Guidelines

Mubarak said joint committees of the four countries were studying basic guidelines for the group. A ministerial meeting could be held in one to three weeks, he said.

The Egyptian and Jordanian prime ministers, who joined yesterday's meeting for about one hour, will hold talks on economic co-operation in Cairo tomorrow.

Western Europe may have a bumper 1989 grain crop

LONDON, Jan 28, (Reuters): The European Economic Community may have bumper grain crop this year despite lower support prices and a scheme to try to cut surplus by taking land out of production.

A big crop in Europe would help ease fears among Third World importers that world grain stocks are dwindling.

Trade sources said this week that French and British farmers had responded to mild weather by increasing winter sowings. West German farmers were generally maintaining 1988 levels.

Harvest
Traders and analysts in several European centres were questioned by Reuters in a survey of 1989 grain prospects. Most said it was still early but saw the EEC harvest exceeding last year's 162.5 to 164 million tonnes.

Their forecasts assumed no severe drought this spring or in early summer. They said this could not yet be ruled out given dry conditions in Italy's Po valley and some areas of Spain.

In northern Europe the near-ideal weather appeared generally to have aided winter cereals

growth. "Unless there's anything out of the ordinary ... there's a big crop and everything looks pretty well," said Gerald Mann of Britain's Institute of Agricultural Botany.

The mild weather so far this winter has, however, caused some problems with plant diseases and a late prolonged period of cold could still damage crops, Mann added.

Ideal
If conditions remained ideal through the 1989 growing season, some analysts were talking of a crop approaching the record EEC harvest of 173.2 million tonnes in 1984.

As a result of North American drought last year, the cost to poor countries of importing wheat has doubled in six months. There has been concern expressed by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and the International Wheat Council that another year of drought could wipe out remaining stocks and put developing countries at the mercy of rising prices.

A second poor world crop is still possible because the wheat belt of the American Midwest is extremely dry. The US is the world's largest wheat exporter.

For EEC farm politicians, however, a bumper European harvest would be a blow to strenuous efforts to encourage farmers to stop planting so much grain.

A big crop would drive up the cost of the EEC's controversial common agricultural policy and intensify friction with trading partners if the surplus is exported.

Designated
The EEC set-aside programme, launched last year to pay farmers not to plant on designated arable land, has yet to make a dent in the community production, analysts said. Nine of the 12 members states have yet to implement schemes fully.

Farmers have taken 170,000 hectares (420,000 acres) out of production in West Germany, 60,000 (150,000) in Britain and 500 (1,250) in the Netherlands, official figures show. This is a fraction of the EEC's 34.7 million hectares (85.7 million acres) planted with grain in 1988.

Soviet budget deficit colossal, but curable, says economist

MOSCOW, Jan 28, (Reuters): A top Kremlin economic adviser, giving a new slant on problems facing Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, indicated on Wednesday the country's budget deficit amounted to 20 per cent of all government spending.

Leonid Abalkin, director of the Moscow Economics Institute, told reporters the actual deficit amounted to 100 billion roubles (\$161 billion) when credits from state-run banks were included.

"In the whole world, bank borrowings are considered a means of covering budget deficits. So, scientifically speaking, our deficit is 100 billion roubles," said Abalkin, who is known to have Gorbachev's confidence.

He made his remarks to foreign journalists after a news conference during which he described the deficit as "colossal" but argued that it could be wiped out within three years by strict financial policies.

He said his institute had presented a recovery plan to Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov including cuts in defence costs — an area where Gorbachev has already moved to reduce spending — and a drop in state sub-

sidies to industry and farming.

"The plan needs to be implemented promptly, and being placed by the end of this year," Abalkin said. But he did not know if it would be adopted entirely.

He told the news conference that if the proposed measures were implemented by 1995, the Soviet people could expect the Kremlin chief's "perestroika" to have improved their living standards.

Shortfall
Over the past year, there have been mounting complaints from ordinary people voiced in the Soviet press that life was becoming harder, with shortages of many food products, household and consumer goods.

Gorbachev has himself described the situation in the economy as critical, arguing that the present leadership is struggling with a legacy from predecessors who allowed the deficit to develop without revealing its existence.

At the annual budget session of the Supreme Soviet or parliament last November, Finance Minister Boris Gostev set the "shortfall in financial resources" under the 1989 budget at 36 billion roubles (\$58 billion).

World Business Summary

Toyota hopes to start producing cars in UK in '92

TOKYO, Jan 28, (UPI): Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's top automobile manufacturer, announced today it will start feasibility studies in Britain for production of passenger cars in Britain. "We have been studying production of our cars in Europe and we have chosen Britain as one of the strongest candidates for its location," Shochiro Toyota, president of the Nagoya-based company told a news conference. Toyota said the company has been looking for a suitable site throughout Europe and "we now would like to pursue the option." He said the company will go ahead with the project "independently" and has not in mind a joint venture formula. Toyota said the company hopes to start producing 1,800 cc class cars in 1992 at an annual volume of 200,000 units. He said investment is estimated at \$600 million (about \$1.1 billion), he said. Toyota said the project will offer job opportunities to about 3,000 workers and that the company plans to start production with a local content ratio of about 60 per cent, which will ultimately be raised to 80 per cent. Toyota's decision has been welcomed by the British government. The Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in a statement: "I have made it clear to Toyota that they would receive a warm welcome from the government if they were to decide to locate the project in the UK." Toyota said the company has no plan to use existing facilities. "We will build a new plant of our own," he said. Toyota will be the second Japanese automaker to assemble cars in Britain. Its chief rival Nissan Motor Co. already produces cars in the country. He said demand for cars on the European market has picked up substantially over the last few years and the trend is expected to continue in years to come. "As long as we produce cars attractive to consumers, the demand will remain strong," Toyota said.

Soviets buy more grain

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (AP): The Soviet Union has bought another 25,000 metric tons of US wheat at subsidised prices, the Agriculture Department said yesterday. Christopher E. Goldthwait, acting general sales manager for the Department's Foreign Agricultural Service, said the wheat was part of an authorisation of more than 2 million tons under the export enhancement programme, or EEP. Goldthwait said the wheat is for shipment for March. Counting some left over from a previous EEP arrangement and a newly authorised 2 million tons this week, the Soviets have more than 2.01 million tons still available under the programme. With the latest sale, the Soviet Union has bought about 1.9 million tons of wheat for delivery in the sixth year of a long-term supply agreement, which was extended last fall to run through Dec 31, 1990. The EEP arrangement allows private exporters to sell wheat and other designated commodities to specified countries at reduced prices in order to meet foreign competition. The exporters then collect free government supplies of grain or other products as bonuses, or subsidies. Sales for delivery in the sixth year of the agreement also included about 10.2 million tons of corn, along with 450,000 tons of soybeans, 1.28 million tons of soybean meal, and 500,000 tons of grain sorghums. Goldthwait said the 25,000 tons of wheat were sold by the Peavey Co., which will get subsidy of \$23 and 70 cents per ton, or about 65 cents per bushel under the EEP arrangement.

West German inflation leaps

BONN, Jan 28, (Reuters): West Germany's average annual inflation rate more than doubled in January to 2.5 per cent, provisional official figures showed yesterday. The rise was a major factor giving a twist to prices in the country which has Western Europe's biggest economy but is haunted by memories of hyperinflation between the world wars. The Federal Statistics Office said consumer (indirect) tax increases also helped push up living costs this month to the highest annual level since May 1981. A 10 pfennig (five cent) per litre tax on motor fuel was meanwhile added on top of general oil price rises. The cost of living in January alone rose one per cent over last month, when the annual rate was 1.6 per cent. The increase still left West Germany well below the United States where inflation is at 4.4 per cent and Britain at 6.8 per cent. But it eroded one of the government's main arguments in its periodic plans for moderation in wage negotiations. Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann said on Wednesday he hoped inflation this year could be held between two and 2.5 per cent. "Boom and the Bundesbank will do all they can to nip inflation in the bud," he said. Inflation fears lay behind a decision last Friday by the Bundesbank (central bank) to raise key interest rates in an effort to dampen consumer spending and attract funds to the Deutsche mark so as to prop it up against the dollar. A weak mark spells higher import bills which give a further twist to inflation. Official data on Monday saw December import prices 3.9 per cent up on the same month in 1987, their highest rise since June 1985. Higher consumer taxes effective in January hit fuel and insurance policies. Medical prescription charges were raised.

London cocoa talks collapse

LONDON, Jan 28, (AP): Talks between cocoa producers and consumers on a possible market stabilisation plan collapsed today, opening the prospect of an indefinite block of international action to support depressed prices. "Nothing at all was achieved," said West German spokesman Peter Baron, representing the consumers' group. The lack of action was "deeply disappointing and frustrating," he said. The talks at the headquarters of the 41-nation International Cocoa Organisation, which is empowered by treaty to regulate world supplies and prices, opened Jan 19. The main issue discussed was renewal of international action to stabilise prices through an association-financed stockpiling plan. The association has not been supporting the market for the past year, and the price of cocoa has dropped to a 13-year low because of world over-production. Baron said the main obstacle to introducing the stockpiling plan was lack of money resulting from the failure of producers to fulfill their obligations. The association's 18 producers together owe the organisation a total of \$84.5 million in unpaid dues from an international levy on traded cocoa. More than half this amount is owed by the Ivory Coast, the world's biggest producer.



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Market picks up as some firms declare their annual dividends

THE Alshahi Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 40.04 points with a decrease of 0.50 point, 1.23 per cent from last week's average. The Alshahi Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 75.09 points with an increase of 0.23 point, 0.31 per cent, for the same period, according to Alshahi Economic Consultants.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 20.08 million shares at a daily average of 4.02 million shares with an increase of 114 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 1.88 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 5.60 million shares at a daily average of 1.12 million shares with no change from last week's daily average of 1.12 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD7.726 million at a daily average of KD1.545 million, an increase of 98 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.782 million. The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.315 million at a daily average of KD0.063 million, a decrease of 11 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.071 million.

The market showed signs of activity as was previously expected due to the fact that some companies have started to declare their annual dividends. This was clearer in the Kuwaiti share market because the non-Kuwaiti market has fewer listed companies and lower dividends.

Taking the four companies that distributed dividends as a sample, "we find that one has given the same amount as last year and the other three have distributed less, however two of them distributed stock dividends. This reflects the companies' need for cash as many have spent a lot at the end of last year in buying their own shares and the increase in the level of stock dividends distribution, which is in our opinion a wrong policy."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector had the lead at 51.5 per cent of total trading against 72 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 30 per cent followed by the Commercial Bank at 25.5 per cent, and the Gulf Bank at 16 per cent.

The services sector came second at 30 per cent against 11.5 per cent last week.

Mobile Telephone Systems (declared dividends) led at 42 per cent followed by Kuwaiti Commercial Markets at 36 per cent and Kuwait Computer Company (declared dividends) at 19 per cent. The investment sector came third at 9 per cent of which Kuwait Investment Projects led at 49 per cent followed by National Investments at 47 per cent and Investment Pearl Kuwait at 4 per cent.

For non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 51 per cent followed by Gulf Medical Projects at 20 per cent and Arabian General Investments at 13 per cent.

Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 25/01/89	Wednesday 18/01/89	Change points
Banking Sector			
The National Bank	110.59	109.57	1.01
The Gulf Bank	31.07	31.49	-0.41
The Commercial Bank	23.95	23.95	0.00
Al Ahli Bank	33.16	34.12	-0.96
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	34.20	34.20	0.00
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	30.95	30.95	0.00

Burgan Bank	26.26	26.26	0.00
Kuwait Finance House	78.61	78.61	0.00
Sector Index	46.77	46.76	0.01
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	25.71	25.71	0.00
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	17.53	17.53	0.00
IFA	75.40	76.19	-0.79
Commercial Facilities			
National Investments	120.00	120.00	0.00
Kuwait Investment Proj.	69.61	73.53	-3.92
Sector Index	97.75	91.01	6.74
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	41.26	41.25	0.01
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	38.05	39.14	-1.09
United Realty	27.69	27.69	0.00
National Real Estate	51.28	54.82	-3.54
Warba Insurance Co.	68.73	68.73	0.00
Sector Index	39.13	40.27	-1.14
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	12.27	17.38	-5.11
Refrigeration Indust.	88.94	88.94	0.00
Gulf Cables	114.16	113.13	1.03
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	84.44	84.44	0.00
Sector Index	32.00	35.86	-3.86
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	168.48	168.48	0.00
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	0.00
Public Warehousing Co.	66.67	67.68	-1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	34.95	34.95	0.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	290.48	309.52	-19.05
Sector Index	58.00	57.16	0.84
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	48.41	48.41	0.00
United Fisheries	9.92	9.92	0.00
Kuwait United Poultry	83.61	83.61	0.00
Kuwait Food Co.	67.82	67.82	0.00
Sector Index	42.31	42.31	0.00
Overall Index	40.04	40.54	-0.50

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 25/01/89	Wednesday 18/01/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	0.00
Bahrain Internat. Bank	96.55	95.17	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	100.61	100.61	0.00
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	89.52	90.48	-0.95
Arabian Gen. Inv. (Shuaa)	53.03	53.03	0.00
Umm Al Quain Cement	16.87	16.87	0.00
Gulf Medical Projects	20.83	18.94	1.89
Total Index	75.09	74.86	0.23

—Base Period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Visit aims to improve oil ties

By Khaled Ahmad

ABDULLA Al Rumi, the assistant managing director for marketing affairs at the Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC) disclosed that Kuwait recently hired three Soviet oil tankers and hoped that such operations will be further improved in the future.

He added that a KPC delegation returned from Moscow recently. The visit aimed at improving oil relations and preparing for the scheduled Soviet oil minister's visit to Kuwait from Feb 12-16.

Kuwait had recently invited Soviet oil companies to take part in local oil tenders and compete with famous international firms.

Assistance

Kuwait had used the assistance of the Soviet technology in oil operations in the country, particularly in oil exploration and in developing some oil fields. Additionally, a Soviet company won a tender for establishing units to extract salt from crude oil, the official said.

Rumi said that he discussed in Moscow the possibility of employing Kuwaiti investments in the Soviet Union, particularly in the oil exploration sector.

The KPC delegation signed an agreement in Moscow on oil exchange with the Soviet Union for the first half of this year to include some European and Middle Eastern countries, Rumi said.

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Jan 28 (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-1/8	7-1/16
3 months	7-3/8	8-1/8
6 months	7-3/4	8-1/4
1 year	7-13/16	8-5/16

US durable goods orders rise

Strong pound, high rates affect business confidence

THE dollar continues to draw support from high US interest rates reflecting the Federal Reserve's determination to reduce inflation. However, the dollar's strength is partially offset by the earlier part of the week by further central bank intervention led by the Fed and Bundesbank.

However, upward pressure at the end of the week pushed the US unit higher, breaking the DM1.85 resistance level, to DM1.86 and against the yen to 129.0, according to NBK weekly market report.

Publication on Wednesday of the Federal Reserve's book on economic conditions in the US sent treasury bonds lower as traders reacted to further evidence of strong growth.

There were very few data releases this week. Durable goods orders came in strong and appeared to indicate far greater activity than expected although these figures are renowned for their erratic nature. On balance they had little effect on the bond market which managed small gains after an initial fall.

In addition, US fourth quarter GNP data provided further evidence of economic growth putting even more upward pressure on interest rates, and therefore supporting the dollar.

Durable goods orders rose in December by 6.4 per cent compared with a forecast of under one per cent after rising a revised 1.2 per cent in November. Orders were up from 1987 and the largest annual rise since 1984 when orders rose 12.3 per cent.

Durable shipments rose 3.8 per cent in December which was also greater than the 0.5 per cent anticipated by the market and was higher than the revised 1.2 per cent increase for November.

Real GNP was initially estimated to have risen two per cent in the fourth quarter against a market forecast of 2.4 per cent. Real GNP rose 3.8 per cent in the full 1988 year.

There is still a mood of optimism that the new administration, being aware of the financial markets vulnerability, will be prepared to effectively solve the twin budget and trade deficit problems.

Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, continued to confirm their restrictive policy required to stem inflationary pressure. President Bush's response was to express concern at the possibility that the Fed's position could be an over-reaction and that policy must be such to prevent a sizeable decrease in economic activity.

The reality of this week's numbers, however, suggest that economic activity for the time being remains sufficiently robust and the Fed is likely therefore to continue to edge up its Federal Reserve rate. Money market rates could correspondingly move ahead whilst US Treasury prices will tend lower.

The G-7 meeting taking place at the end of the coming week is likely to provide no more than a statement to a commitment of stable exchange rates. In the event the markets are unlikely to take much notice and will continue their present bullish trend. The major concern for the G-7 will be on Third World debt and new initiatives may possibly be announced.

Short-term the US unit will remain firm, and could make further gains on the back of higher interest rates. Any further appreciation will be tempered by the extent of central bank intervention which could be substantial.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: 127-133 yen and DM1.83-1.92.

The main event last week was the release of the UK current account and trade figures on Friday. The current account deficit of £1.26 billion was smaller than expected and the key three month interbank rate showed very little change following the data release.

The CBI report was also published indicating that the strong pound and high interest rates were also affecting business confidence and had prompted a sharp fall in export optimism although industrial investment was still at a high level.

The equity markets continue to improve responding to the indication of slower activity, implying that further increases in interest rates would not be necessary. The FTSE 100 share index broke through the psychological 2,000 barrier for the first time since the 1987 crash.

The pound like the dollar has continued to derive support from interest rate differentials. Current account deficit narrowed in December to £1.26 billion after a downward revised £1.47 billion in November. This was lower than the market forecast of a £1.5 billion deficit. The estimate for the whole of 1988 is a record £14.2 billion after a £2.69 billion gap in 1987.

Trade position — the trade balance for December showed a £1.67 billion deficit which was better than the £1.90 million deficit forecast and lower than the revised November figure of £1.866 billion.

The anxiously awaited trade figures were not as bad as they might have been although the current account deficit for the year widened to a record £14.27 billion. The money rates initially edged lower by as much as 1/8 point although the key three month rate showed little change.

This data tends to confirm the current market view that base rates have peaked at their 13 per cent level. However, although an easing in monetary policy is still some way off a half point cut in base rates may take place prior to the budget on March 14.

The Bundesbank is continuing to stress the need for a strong DM and for curbs on money supply growth to guard against inflation as official figures indicated a sharp rise in prices this month. The cost of living was 2.5 per cent higher compared with January 1988 and in December the increase was only 1.6 per cent.

Since the West German increase in its key interest rates last week by half a point the DM has maintained its position vis the Yen and European currencies although losing ground against a strong dollar.

Indicators continue to provide evidence that growth is remaining robust. Japan had a number of data releases this week for example, retail sales, although lower than November's 6.6 per cent increase still rose a strong 5.3 per cent in December.

Depressed Government salary payments and an influx of offshore funds had depressed one-month rates as low as 6-3/4, 1/2 per cent last week.

The dinar plunged more than a fifth against the dollar in response to the US currency's strength on international exchanges. The Central Bank fixed its rate at 0.28724/34 from Thursday's 0.28605/15 while commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28732/42.

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KD deposit rates jump

KUWAIT, Jan 28 (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates jumped today as liquidity that flooded the market last week was absorbed and the Central Bank announced its first new treasury bill issue in a month.

The KD100 million issue dated Feb 1 rolls over an earlier issue for the same amount. It is the 37th issue of bills and bonds since Kuwait began issuing them in November 1987 to finance the state budget deficit.

Dealers said tomorrow's first issue to five, four per cent from two per cent business on Thursday while spot-next held at six, five per cent.

The fixed periods rose by up to 1/2 point, with the one-month at 7-1/2, seven per cent, two-month at 7-3/4, 1/4, four per cent, three-month at eight, 7-1/2 per cent, six-month at 8-1/4, 7-3/4 per cent and one-year at 8-1/2, eight per cent.

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Currency rates

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	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28652	0.28792
Sterling	0.50413	0.50713
DM	0.15371	0.15463
S. fr.	0.18048	0.18157
F. fr.	0.04522	0.04549
It. lira	0.0002101	0.0002114
Japan yen	0.0022150	0.0022279
Bh. dinar	0.76000	0.76429
UAE Dh.	0.07799	0.07844
Saudi riyal	0.07636	0.07679
Qat. riyal	0.07868	0.07917
O. riyal	0.74401	0.74850

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SPORTS

W. GERMAN THREATENS TO BREAK THE MOULD

Graf outplays Sukova for title

MELBOURNE, Jan 28, (Reuters) Steffi Graf is threatening to break the mould of women's tennis after claiming her fifth successive Grand Slam title at the Australian Open today.

Margaret Court, Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova all seemed invincible at different periods over the past 20 years.

Graf may this year actually prove to be unbeatable.

In 1988 the West German became the first woman since Court to win all four Grand Slam titles.

Her 6-4 6-4 defeat of Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova on a sweltering centre court here showed an unprecedented second successive Grand Slam is well within her grasp.

Even when playing below her best Graf proved too powerful, too fast and too resilient for the brave Sukova whose serve-and-volley game was perfectly suited to the medium-fast artificial surface.

Sukova tested the world number one more than any other opponent including Graf's great teenage rival Gabriela Sabatini, tossed aside in the semifinals with the loss of just three games.

Yet Graf could have won the second set 6-1 — she won seven out of eight games to take a 5-1 lead — and she claimed the \$135,000 winners' cheque without dropping a set and with the loss of just 24 games in the cham-



Graf holds the Australian Open trophy and a toy Koala bear. (Reuters wirephoto)

you have to do to beat her." Graf herself backs away from any talk of a second Grand Slam. "I don't want to hear that question all the time 'Can you win the Grand Slam?' — I heard it last year all the time."

"It's very difficult, it's almost impossible. I've won this one and it's a good start for the year."

She believes her habit of winning everything could work against her. "They're getting to know my game better and better. They know what to do and maybe sometimes they gain from the way I'm playing."

But underneath her confidence in her own ability is rock-solid. "I think my serve has got stronger, it's not too consistent but it's getting where I want it to get. My second serve is getting stronger too and I've got better passing shots with my backhand."

The final was not a classic and might have been closer if Sukova, who has a reputation for faltering in big matches, had kept her powerful first serve under control.

She served six double faults and too often allowed Graf the luxury of attacking her second serve.

Graf, troubled by a knee injury, also had problems with her first serve in the capricious wind and mixed glorious passing shots with a string of uncharacteristic errors on her backhand.

Sukova saved five break points in the third game of the first set before Graf broke through to take a 3-2 lead.

Sukova broke back for 3-3 as her 19-year-old opponent expressed annoyance at her error-ridden play.

At 4-4 two doubtful line calls unnerved Sukova and she presented Graf with another breakpoint by tripping over her own feet going for a volley.

Sukova should have won the next point but she hit an easy smash straight to Graf who made the most of the let-off by grabbing the game and a 5-4 lead.

It was the first of six successive winning games for Graf who wrapped up the first set in 34 minutes on her first setpoint before racing to a 4-0 lead in the second.

Fighting

With Graf serving for the match at 5-2 Sukova, determined to go down fighting, broke back on her fifth breakpoint to bring the 12,000 crowd back to life.

The Czechoslovak saved two matchpoints before winning her next service game. But Graf was not to be denied, claiming the match with an accurate forehand on her third matchpoint.

The champion's father, Peter Graf, said his daughter would have tests on her knee when she arrived home in West Germany but he stressed that the injury was not serious.



Lendl: gets a chance to regain top ranking

Machine and magician contest Open final

MELBOURNE, Jan 28, (Reuters) Ivan Lendl or Miloslav Mecir, the machine or the magician, will give Czechoslovakia its first Australian Open men's singles champion tomorrow.

In every respect Lendl, a remorseless baseliner who shows little emotion on court, could scarcely be more unlike the artistic Mecir, a natural successor to John McEnroe as the touch specialist of men's tennis.

Where the world number two, who can recapture top spot from Mats Wilander if he wins this weekend, enjoys driving fast cars, the unassuming Mecir prefers a quiet spot of fishing.

Polite

Even their shared nationality is not quite what it seems. Lendl is of industrial descent while Mecir was raised in an agricultural community. Ever polite, Mecir admits: "We don't see each other very much."

In their meetings on court Lendl has had comfortably the upper hand. Of their five previous encounters he has won four, including the US Open final in 1986, Mecir's only appearance in a Grand Slam final.

Statistically, if the Olympic champion can win an early set his chances of upsetting Lendl will increase dramatically.

Lendl has been involved in eight Grand Slam finals which have required fourth or fifth sets and has lost five of them.

The most recent was his five-set marathon against Wilander in last year's US Open after which he had to hand over his number one mantle to the Swede.

Wilander's defeat by Ramesh Krishnan in the second round at Melbourne has reopened the door to the top and Lendl is keen to make the most of his chance.

Lendl, who has won three US Open and three French titles, made the Australian Open title one of his objectives for 1989.

Condition

If he can reproduce his magnificent form against John McEnroe in the quarterfinals Mecir will be hard pressed to withstand him.

The big question is how much Lendl took out of himself beating Thomas Muster in the cauldron-like heat of centre court yesterday.

Sweden's Jan Gunnarsson, Mecir's semifinal victim, was in no doubt about Lendl's condition when they passed in the changing-rooms after the Czechoslovak had come off court.

"I don't think I ever saw him so dead. He looked completely gone." The weather forecast predicts lower temperatures tomorrow.

Mecir, the ninth seed, had a smoother run into the final, dropping only one set en route. "I feel much better than I did at the start of the tournament," said the ninth seed.

Blake stuns Kingdom in 55-metre hurdles

JOHNSON CITY, Tennessee, Jan 28, (AP) US Olympic hurdler Arthur Blake upset two-time Olympic champion Roger Kingdom in the men's 55-metre high hurdles at the Kodak Invitational Indoor Track Meet last night.

Kingdom, the 1984 and 1988 Olympic 110-metre high hurdles gold medalist, suffered a slight muscle pull early in the race but didn't use that as an excuse for getting nipped at the tape by Blake.

"I'm not hurt, I just got beat," said Kingdom, who has the fastest US indoor 55-metre hurdle time this season, a 6.98, at the Sunbelt Invitational last weekend. "I'm about 50 per cent compared to the way I felt for the Olympics."

Blake set a new Kodak Invitational record with 7.06 seconds, breaking Keith Talley's time of 7.15.

"I've taken my licks in the past from these guys. They told me when I got out of high school that I'd have to pay my dues. Well, I've paid them for three years," Blake said.

Record

Kingdom finished second in 7.07, and 1988 US Olympic bronze medalist Tony Campbell was third in 7.16.

In the men's 400-metre run, Antonio McKay set a meet record with a time of 45.95 seconds, breaking world record-holder Butch Reynolds' mark of 46.13.

Mark Everett was second in 46.09, and Willie Smith was third in 46.68.

Emmit King, a 1984 and 1988 US Olympian, won the men's 100-metre dash in 10.45 seconds, nipping 1988 Olympian Lee McNeill by .01 second at a distance that is rarely run indoors.

Three-time US Olympian Harvey Glance, who set an indoor 100-metre dash record in 1980 with a time of 9.54, finished third in 10.52.

Villanova University's women's two-mile relay team shattered the world indoor mark set by the Soviet national team 16 years ago. The Wildcats, led by 3,000-metre Olympian Vicki Huber, were timed in 8:37.75, well ahead of the old mark of 8:41.6.

US Olympian Gwen Torrence, who holds the world indoor mark in the 55-metre dash, 6.56 seconds, just missed her own meet record of 6.73. She won in 6.76 seconds, beating Carletta Guidry of Texas, who ran a 6.79, and Lamonda Miller of Appalachian state, who ran a 6.89.

Afro-Asian Games

NEW DELHI, Jan 28, (Reuters) The inaugural Afro-Asian Games, uniting sportsmen and women from 84 countries in the two continents, will be held in New Delhi in November 1991, the United News of India said yesterday.

The agency said the Olympic Council of Asia and the Association of Olympic Committees of Africa had agreed on the venue and date and had confirmed them to the International Olympic Committee.

About 2,000 competitors are expected to take part in 10 sports which have yet to be decided.

Rocchigiani retains IBF crown

BERLIN, Jan 28, (AP) Graciano Rocchigiani of West Germany retained his International Boxing Federation (IBF) super middleweight title with an unimpressive but unanimous decision over Thulane "Sugar Boy" Malinga of South Africa early yesterday.

The 25-year-old champion never had Malinga in deep trouble but controlled the 12-round bout with his effective left jab and left-right combinations to Malinga's head.

Weathered The challenger tried to wear down Rocchigiani with blows to the body, but the champion, popularly known as "Rocky," weathered everything the South African could throw at him.

Rocchigiani's third successful defense of the title brought his record to 27-0, while Malinga dropped to 25-4.

The challenger began the fight in aggressive style, trying to overcome Rocchigiani's height and reach advantage by staying close and throwing hard punches to the body.

The 29-year-old challenger



Rocchigiani (right) stalks Malinga during their bout. (Reuters wirephoto)

proved to be an elusive target with his quick foot work and ducking style.

But the champion connected with a left-right combination to the head and followed with a hard left to the body that sent Malinga reeling in the second round.

In the fourth round, Malinga

connected with a left hook and a right uppercut but the champion weathered the attack and stayed out of trouble.

The two fighters traded blows to the head in the seventh round but neither found the knock-out punch.

Malinga, who came into the 168-pound (75-kilogramme)

class fight ranked sixth by the IBF, had Rocchigiani on the defensive in the ninth round, but the champion evaded the danger by jabbing away.

In the 10th round, Rocchigiani pinned Malinga to the corner with several combinations to the head, and had the challenger backing away in the 11th with quick jabs and hooks. But the South African countered with a flurry to Rocchigiani's head and body that stopped the champion's attack.

"It wasn't my best fight," Rocchigiani conceded after getting the decision. "I felt tired after the third or fourth round, it was very hot in the hall."

Created

Rocchigiani, who won the newly created title in March 1988 by stopping Vincent Boulware of the United States, took home 400,000 marks (\$215,000) Malinga's purse was 100,000 marks (\$55,000).

About 30 anti-apartheid protesters gathered in front of the West Berlin hall before the fight but there were no disruptions at the ring.

Frank Bruno gets trans-Atlantic kiss

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Arizona, Jan 28, (Reuters) Frank Bruno may be 2,000 miles (3,200 km) away but that did not stop his two-year-old daughter from rushing to a television screen and trying to kiss him yesterday.

Bruno, training here for his February 25 title fight against heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, was being interviewed for a London television show through a two-way satellite hookup when he saw the tot run up to what she thought was her father inside the television set.

Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless told Reuters.

"It was something of a moment," Lawless said. "He misses his family very much."

Price lifts Cavaliers over Pistons

NEW YORK, Jan 28, (AP) Mark Price scored 22 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers hung on for a 80-79 victory over the Detroit Pistons last night in a game that saw Brad Daugherty and Bill Laimbeer ejected for fighting.

Isiah Thomas scored 22 points, 16 in the second half, and Vinny Johnson had seven of his 22 as Detroit dominated more than seven minutes of the fourth quarter to erase a 17-point Cleveland lead.

A 14-0 run tied it 73-73 with 3:56 left when Thomas grabbed an offensive rebound and scored. His five straight points at the end of the third quarter started Detroit's comeback.

Price hit a pair of free throws

with 51 seconds left to put the Cavaliers ahead 80-77. Thomas scored Detroit's last five points and missed a desperation shot at the buzzer as Cleveland, with the NBA's best record, won its second straight from last year's Eastern Conference champions.

Daugherty and Laimbeer were thrown out with 9:42 left in the third quarter after they exchanged blows under the Cleveland basket.

In other National Basketball Association games last night, Dallas romped over San Antonio, 126-82; Philadelphia edged Golden State 113-112; Boston defeated Sacramento 128-116; Chicago beat Washington 117-106; Phoenix edged New York 132-130; Seattle defeated

Atlanta 119-112; and the Los Angeles Lakers defeated Charlotte 114-97.

Mavericks 126, Spurs 82 Mark Aguirre scored nine of his 35 points during a 14-4 spurt to open the third quarter, sending the Dallas Mavericks to a 126-82 rout of the San Antonio Spurs.

76ers 113, Warriors 112 Hersey Hawkins' 3-point field goal with five seconds left lifted Philadelphia to a 113-112 victory over Golden State.

Celtics 128, Kings 116 Robert Parish scored 26 points, Reggie Lewis added 24 and the Boston Celtics had 74 points in the second half to come from behind for a 128-116 victory over the Sacramento Kings.

Border and Boon help Aussies take firm grip on the 4th Test

SYDNEY, Jan 28, (Reuters) Australia, inspired by a 170-run fourth wicket partnership between captain Allan Border and David Boon, took a firm grip on the fourth Test against West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground today.

Boon pegged together a magnificent 149 and Border 75 as Australia were dismissed for 401 — a first innings lead of 177 — just before the close of the third day.

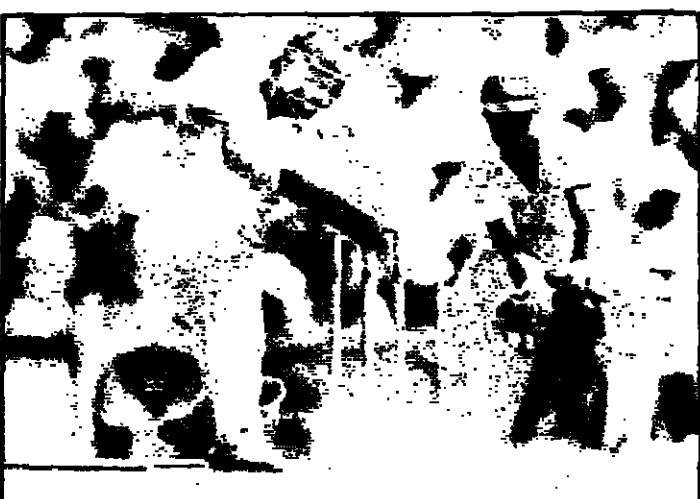
Pace bowler Malcolm Marshall did his best to limit the damage by taking four wickets for eight runs off 32 deliveries at one stage to finish with five for 29.

Honours

Boon's brilliant batting display under difficult conditions stole the honours on a day of many highlights.

The stocky batsman, resuming on 110 after helping Australia to their overnight score of 200 for three, combined powerful stroke-play with patience and cunning in a long innings that included 11 fours.

Boon, showing his liking for the Sydney Cricket Ground's placid pitches, has now scored a century in each of his last three Test appearances at the venue.



Border plays a ball from West Indian bowler Carl Hooper. (Reuters wirephoto)

He was eventually and fittingly caught behind by Jeff Dujon off Courtney Walsh to become the paceman's 100th Test victim.

The straightforward catch also allowed Dujon to equal the West Indies wicket-keeping record of 190 catches. He later added to his tally when he caught tail-ender Merv Hughes.

Border, out of touch with the bat this summer, never looked completely in control in his

innings but courageously ground out the valuable runs.

Resuming on 18, Border reached his 50 in 310 minutes, his slowest Test half-century. It included only three boundaries from 262 balls.

Border eventually fell to Marshall shortly after tea, trying to pull a short delivery to the leg-side fence, but succeeded only in dragging the ball on to his stumps.



Steve Waugh drives a ball from Courtney Walsh. (Reuters wirephoto)

With his tail up, Marshall then rifled through the Australian lower order.

After removing wicket-keeper Ian Healy for 11, Marshall sent back Peter Taylor and Trevor

Hohns, both without scoring, in the same over.

But all-rounder Steve Waugh, with a Test batting average of more than 50 against West Indies — 3-0 ahead in the five-match series — reached his third Test half-century in the closing stages of the innings.

Like Marshall, Walsh also bowled with fire to collect two for 48 on a pitch which gave little assistance to the quick men.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES 1st innings 224	
AUSTRALIA 1st innings	
C. Marsh & Dujon b Marshall	2
M. Taylor & Ambrose	25
D. Boon & Dujon b Walsh	149
D. Jones & Richards	29
A. Border b Marshall	75
S. Waugh not out	55
I. Healy & Logie b Marshall	11
P. Taylor lbw b Marshall	0
T. Holmes b Marshall	0
M. Hughes & Dujon b Walsh	12
T. Alderman run out	9
Extras (6b 14lb 14ab)	34
Total	401
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-43, 3-114, 4-284, 5-355, 6-355, 7-357, 8-357, 9-388, 10-401	
Bowling: M. Marshall 31-16-29-5 (11b), C. Ambrose 33-5-28-1 (11lb), R. Harper 37-9-86-0, C. Walsh 22-5-48-2, C. Hooper 37-10-72-0 (2lb), V. Richards 31-1-68-1	
Batting time: 720 mins. Overs: 191.5	

DARTS

H20 beat MAT for top spot

ACTION in the KBRC Wednesday Darts League was highlighted by several excellent individual performances this week. H20 became the new League leaders thanks to a very close 4-2 win over a spirited Menage A Trois side, who can count themselves unlucky at not taking a point. A 180 here for Erik Christensen, though MAT ladies maintained their recent form to take H20 ladies 2-0.

Bulls Hitters and Entente Geordiale fought out a classic contest, where the Geordiale boys took a 3-1 lead, owing a lot to the brilliant finishing of Brian Mitchelson, as he checked out with a 139 consisting of treble 19, bull, double 16 to beat Hitters captain John Watson who had made four 100 scores.

Graham Warner also made two. Gordon McAlister a 94 finish as Bulls Hitters hung on to take both pairs games for a 3-3 draw. BH ladies faltered however, going down 2-1 to a revitalised Ontom, but still retain their second place march on, with a 2-0 result over Shipwreck and now have an 8-point lead. Not so for the Dinar Southerners who gave Shipwrecks men their first win of the season, 4-2, and in the process swap places in the League standings.

Middle Eastenders had a bad day losing 4-2 and 2-1 to Has Beans, whereas Equalisers did just enough to hold off Nobblers 4-2 and 2-0, thanks to 130 from Marilyn Forsyth and a 92 finish by Ihsan Soboh, as Steve Edwards fought back with yet another 140.

Sink

Shower of Tossers had the best win of the day with 5-1 and 2-0 defeats of Rondels, as Paul Coutie finished with 90 and the only Rondels success came when Ron McGrath came from behind to sink Pinky McLeod, who succumbed to his superior finishing.

Fintas Flyers came close against Chuckers despite going 3-0 behind, but threw away the last game to lose 4-2. Floosies did better though overhauling Chucklers on the bull to overturn a 250 deficit to win 2-0.

In the KBRC Monday League, all the top teams continued with victories. Straight As A Dai 6-0 against Bandits. Cottar Hoose a 6-0 walkover with Members, and Bagges a narrow 4-2 over Cunning Linguists, where Erik Christensen used his four high scores to check out a 15 dart leg, as Bader Radi and Steve Edwards responded with 156 and 137 scores.

Ragamuffins and Exiles fought out a 3-3 draw to remain tied in 4th place, and they were joined by Tanker Co, who completed 5-1 and 2-0 victories at Mishraf, with skipper Doug Francis making three high scores.

In other ladies matches an under-strength Bandits lost 2-0 to Dai-A-Straights allowing the Dai's to join them at the top of the table, and Nightflights lost their 9th consecutive match, this time to Feelthee 2-0.

Daniel fires 68 to stay clear of pack

BOCA RATON, Florida, Jan 28, (Reuters) American Beth Daniel shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday to take the lead after the second round of the \$300,000 LPGA Classic golf tournament at the Stonebridge Golf and Country Club.

Daniel has a two-day total of seven-under-par 137 for a two-stroke lead over compatriot Chris Johnson.

First-round leader Dot German and compatriot Americans, Martha Nasse, Jody Rosenthal, Susie Redman and defending champion Nancy Lopez are tied for third place.

"I hit the ball very close on the front nine," said Daniel, who posted birdies on three, four, six and nine.

"I don't even want to think about winning the golf tournament yet," she said. "I am already happy to have overcome a golf course that usually gets the best of me."

Johnson added a three-under-par 69 to her first round 70 to stand alone in second place. Johnson had four birdies and one bogey, the result of a three-putt on the 13th hole.

Her only bogey on the front nine was on the second hole with a three putt from 12 feet.

"My putter saved me on the back nine," Daniel said. Her back nine included birdies on 12 and 17 with a bogey on 16. "I lost it a little on the back side but I made a couple of good saves."

"It was a perfect day to play," Johnson said. "I was close to the pin all day. I hit every green and even though I missed a few putts, I'm not yet upset."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Witherspoon wins

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Jan 28, (AP): Former heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon won a disputed split decision over Larry Alexander in a lackluster fight last night marred by repeated holding by both fighters.

The decision was loudly booed by the crowd at Bally's Hotel Casino, which jeered the former two-time champion repeatedly during the 10-round contest.

The fight was Witherspoon's first in 11 months and only his fourth since losing the World Boxing Association's version of the title in a December 1986 first-round knockout at the hands of James "bonecrusher" Smith.

Murray takes lead

SYDNEY, Jan 28, (Reuters): Australian Iain Murray won two of the day's three races to take a 10-point lead over American Dennis Conner in their 12-metre yachting challenge today.

Murray's victory in the \$340,000 made-for-television duel put him 30-20 ahead after the pair shared the honours on Thursday's difficult opening day. The series, a rematch of the 1987 America's Cup won by Conner, concludes tomorrow with three races worth 20 points each.

McKinney wins

BRECKENRIDGE, Jan 28, (AP): Tamara McKinney, the top US hope for a medal in the World Alpine Ski Championships, won a North American trophy series slalom yesterday over a field composed largely of her teammates.

McKinney outskied the field by over a second in the afternoon run, completing two heats in one minute, 29.31 seconds. Monique Pelletier, who led McKinney by 0.49 seconds after a morning run of 46.65 seconds, finished second in 1:29.89.

Diann Roffe, who won the Giant Slalom medal in the 1985 World Championships at Bormio, Italy, before injuries sent her career into a tailspin, was third in 1:31.02.

Best lap time

MARANELLO, Italy, Jan 28, (Reuters): British racing driver Nigel Mansell further improved his own best lap time to one minute 5.46 seconds at Ferrari's Fiorano circuit yesterday.

Mansell, who began a two-year contract with the team at the start of the month after moving from Williams, bettered the time he set on Thursday by 1.52 seconds, Ferrari officials said.

Appeal date set

PARIS, Jan 28, (Reuters): An appeal by leading French racehorse trainer Georges Mikhalides against a 12 month ban will be heard on Feb 6.

Mikhalides was suspended and fined 20,000 francs (\$3,500) on Thursday for three incidents involving prohibited substances found in two of his horses.

The horses involved are Arraze who won at Saint-Cloud in October and Ultimate Ruler who finished third at very late the same month and then won at Saint-Cloud in December.

British soccer results

English FA Cup

Fourth Round	
Aston Villa	0
Blackburn	2
Bradford	1
Brentford	3
Charlton	2
Grimsby	1
Hartlepool	1
Manchester U	4
Watford	2
Norwich	2
Notts Forest	2
Plymouth	1
Sheffield U	3
Stoke	3
Swindon	0
Millwall vs Liverpool, playing tomorrow.	
Division Three	
Bristol R	2
Bury	3
Cardiff	3
Chesham	1
Gillingham	1
Mansfield	0
Preston	2
Southend	1
Division Four	
Barnley	1
Cambridge	1
Carlisle	3
Durham	1
Exeter	1
Lincoln	1
Scarborough	0
Scunthorpe	4
Torquay	3
Scottish Cup	
Third Round replay	
Alloa	3
Celtic	2
Clydebank	2
Dunfermline	0
Dundee	1
Falkirk	1
Forfar	1
Harris	4
Hibernian	1
Morton	0
Partick	0
Queen S	2
Raith	1
St Johnstone	2
Queens Park	0
Division Two	
East Fife	0
E. Stirling	2

ANSARI BREAKS, QATAMI COMES FOURTH

Jarallah wins Jordan race

By Gail Seery

KUWAIT'S Mishal Al Jarallah and thirtleman Anando Fernando took their Merit Cougar 25 first past the chequered flag in Friday's Jordan Three Countries Powerboat Race.

The nearest boat behind them, Capri Sonne, crewed by Australian professional Geoff Welch and Nils Al Accad, came in nine minutes behind them, and five minutes before the two 39ft catamarans driven by Prince Faisal and Prince Abdullah of Jordan.

Fifth to finish was Saeed Al Sha'ali of Dubai in his Gulfcraft 27-footer. Khalifa Al Qatami and Abdullah Al Badr of Kuwait eventually struggled home in sixth place after a race full of problems.

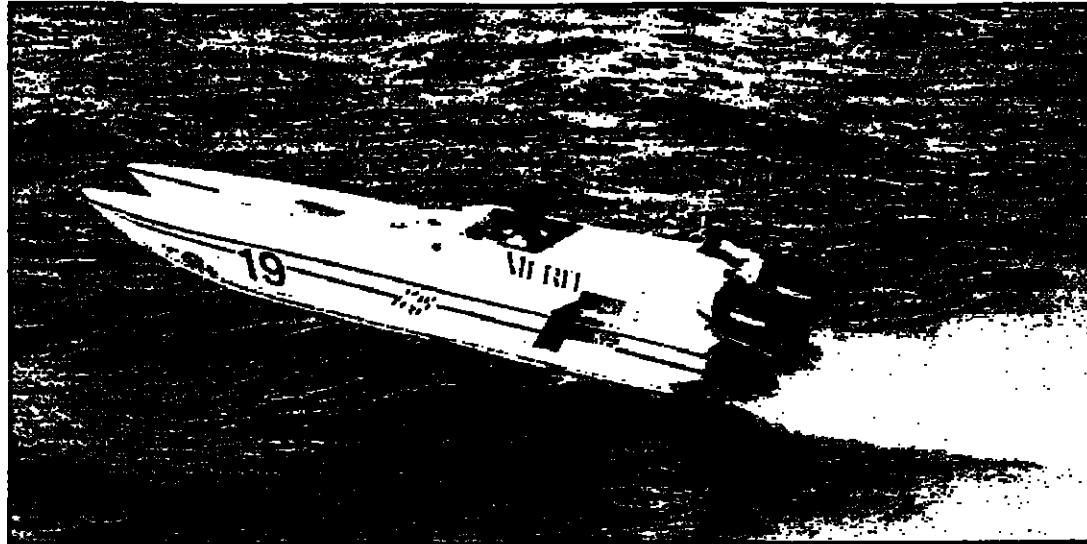
Missed

However, it was later discovered that the two princes were the only competitors to have passed all the turning points. Everyone else had missed turning point two, which involved rounding Farouk Island, off the coast of Egypt. When the boats reached the point, the buoy was completely obscured from view by a line of spectator boats, according to members of at least three boats.

Jarallah, who had arrived too late in Aqaba to join his fellow racers on a conducted tour of the course, did not round the point on the first, or second circuit. The other three boats which finished, Capri Sonne, Gulf One and Perrier, committed the same infringement the first time around, but not on the second.

Four hours of deliberation ensued, in which the race jury considered various options, such as penalising only Jarallah, disqualifying all but the princes' boats, allowing the result to stand, or finding some alternative solution which would satisfy the majority of those concerned.

In the end a penalty system was decided upon, whereby every boat dropped one place for each infringement committed.



Jarallah on his way to victory.

This brought the result to a tie between Capri Sonne and the Merit Cougar 25. The deliberations could have taken another course, instead of dropping one place, the boats incurred a five-minute penalty, a course advocated by Grant Wilson, a former world champion and a respected figure in the sport. This would still have given the Cougar an outright win.

As Khalifa Al Qatami of the Perrier boat pointed out, Jarallah and Fernando could have driven five or six times around the buoy each time, and still finished ahead.

The only competitor not satisfied with the ruling was Saeed Al Sha'ali, driving Gulf One, though it is difficult to see why he objected so strongly. He too missed the point the first time around, but seemed to think that the huge lead Jarallah had opened out was impossible. His grounds for this seem spurious, as Jarallah rounded all but tp2—and at tp3, Saeed Al Sha'ali was still ahead of him. By the end of the first circuit Jarallah was ten miles or more ahead of him, and this could not have been caused in any way by a failure on the part of both boats to pass tp2.

It was Ahmed Al Ansari who sped away from the mark in first position, round tp1 in front of

the hotel with strong competition from the racing catamarans, driven by Mohammed and Saeed Al Sha'ali, Jarallah and Qatami. The three royal boats, which seemed determined at times to function as a convoy were next but substantially behind the outboard boats. Bringing up the rear were the two cruisers, Azraq and Neptune, which had sportingly joined the race without a hope of outright victory.

By the third turn, Saeed Al Sha'ali was ahead, followed by the Merit Cougar, Ahmed and Khalid Al Ansari in Give Way, Capri Sonne, Perrier, and Mohammed Al Sha'ali in Rashid.

Then Jarallah's boat, unaccompanied, sped to the turn in front of the royal box. Capri Sonne was well back behind him. Royal boat Hassem withdrew with engine failure a little way beyond this point.

Two boats failed to make it back to that turn at the end of the first circuit. Mohammed Al Sha'ali lost a prop shaft and a propeller and limped back to the jetty on one engine. Ahmed Al Ansari, one of the most unlucky contenders, and paradoxically, one of the fastest, broke a gear and also had to plod back to the control area and withdraw from the race.

the royal boats, and by the patronage of King Hussein, who had actually been expected to step into the third boat which was eventually piloted by Grant Wilson. However, during practice the day before the race, Prince Abdullah found himself temporarily under the scrutiny of an Israeli patrol boat, so security must have played a part in the King's decision not to race.

Instead the King and Queen Noor sat with Ahmed Al Jarallah, Editor-in-Chief of Arab Times and Al Seyassah, the father of Mishal Al Jarallah, and watched their children race.

Permission

The saddest part of the race was the non-participation of Khaled Al Khaled and Hossam Al Sayaf in the Tilda Rice boat. This was loaded onto a Hercules, sent by King Hussein, but the Kuwaitis were refused permission to board the aircraft by authorities here. Time was too short to enable them to take the flight, and for some reason their request for an air taxi was also refused. Their participation was sorely missed.

Perhaps the most important factor of Friday's race was the splendid team spirit and camaraderie amongst the drivers, and the way they rallied together round Jarallah to support him during the deliberations.

This is Jarallah's first taste of victory, and Kuwait's first international win in this sport. Kuwait is now reaching a high standard, and similar victories could well become the norm.

Results

Outboard: 1. Merit Cougar — Mishal Al Jarallah & Anando Fernando; Capri Sonne — Geoff Welch & Nils Al Accad; 3. Gulf One — Saeed Al Sha'ali & Michael Werner; 4. Perrier — Khalifa Al Qatami & Abdullah Al Badr.

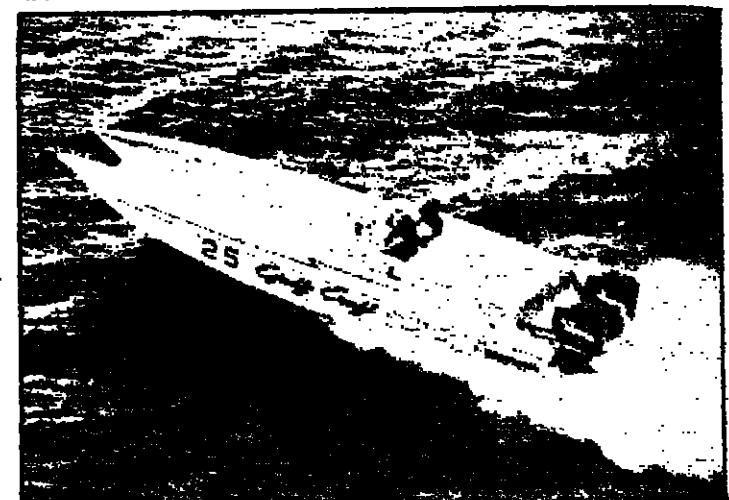
Cabin Cruiser: 1. Azraq — Abdullah Rifai & Clara Mertens. Inboard: 1. Iman — Prince Faisal, Tim Powell & Ben Robertson; 2. Raiyah — Prince Abdullah, Nicolas Iliopoulos & Dag Pike.



Jarallah (left) and Fernando lift their trophy.



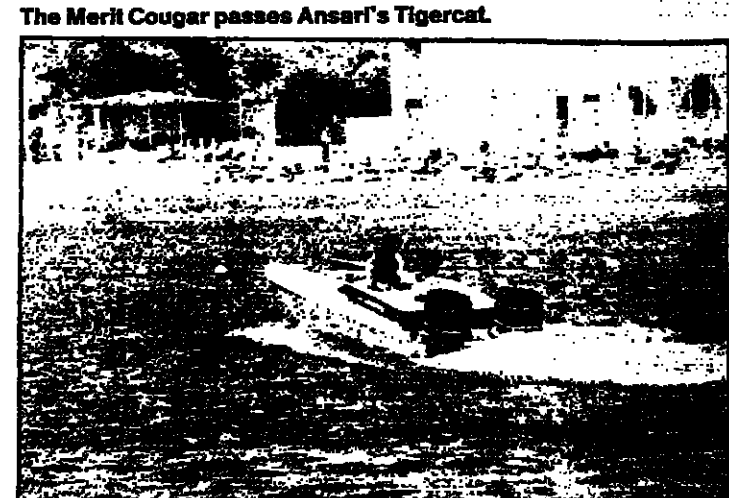
Welch and Accad in action.



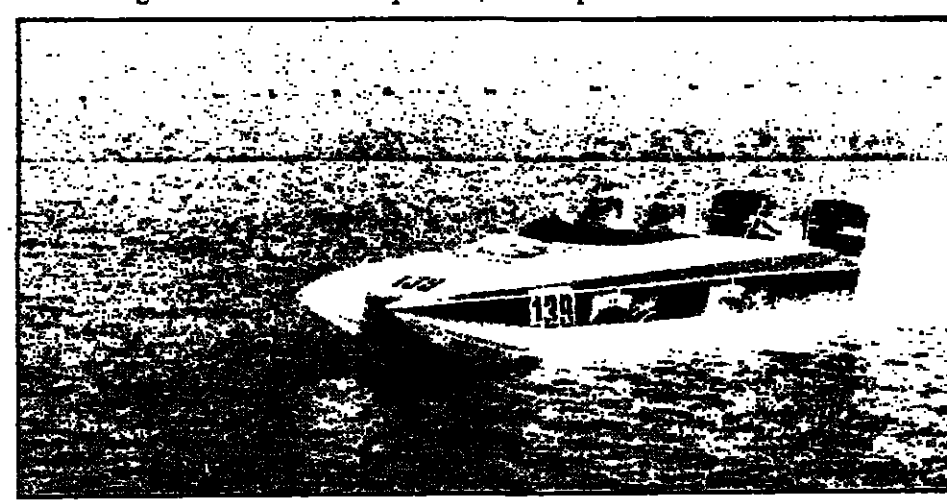
Saeed Al Sha'ali: slowed by engine problems.



The Merit Cougar passes Ansari's Tigercat.



Mohammed Al Sha'ali withdraws from the race.



Qatami and Badr struggle on.



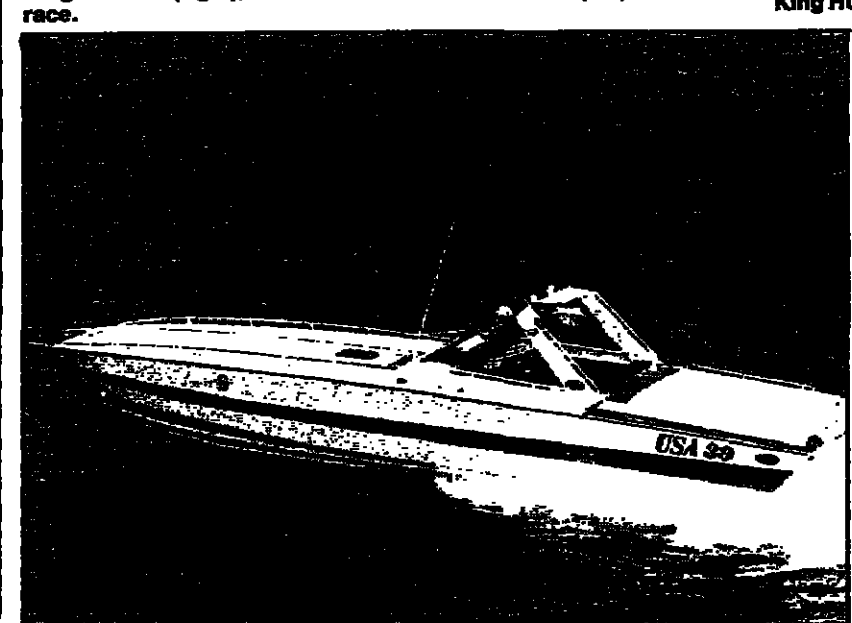
The Ansaris: fast but unlucky.



King Hussein (right), Queen Noor and Prince Faisal (left) after the race.



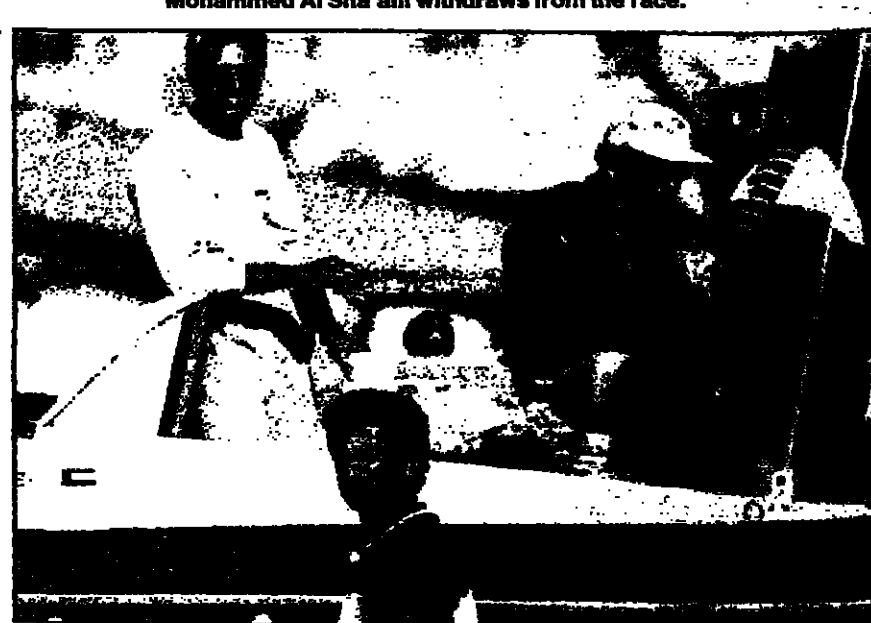
King Hussein (centre), Queen Noor and Ahmed Al Jarallah (right) watch the race.



One of the three royal racing boats.



Prince Abdullah and Jarallah before the start of the race.



Badr (left), Ansari (2nd left) and Qatami (2nd right) take a break from a practice session. (Photos by Gail Seery and Mark Williams)

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